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GALANTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER FOR THE WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE



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Jessica Reyes, of Boston 25, and Katie Thompson, of WCVB, spend Galantine's Day on Feb. 13 at Oak Long Bar + Kitchen in The Fairmont Copley Plaza – an event that helped raise funds for The Women's Lunch Place in the Back Bay. Galentine's Day, taken from the popular TV show 'Parks and Recreation' has become an annual celebration of gal pals on the day before Valentine's Day. See more photos on Page 7.

Time to build consensus, but district will stay #1 for Rep. Michlewitz

By Seth Daniel

As State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz – who represents a large part of the South End and Bay Village – begins to get used to serving in a somewhat statewide position as new chair of the House Ways & Means Committee, he told residents this week that he will never

lose focus of his district even as he has to travel to far corners of the Commonwealth.

“It certainly gives us a front row seat at the table when it comes to budget issues and hopefully doing some really good things for the district,” Michlewitz told the Sun

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IAG member for proposed hotel at 1241 Boylston St. concerned about precedent

By Lauren Bennett

The proposed hotel at 1241 Boylston St. close to the Boston Arts Academy has at least two Impact Advisory Group (IAG) members furious.

The proposed hotel would be built on a 21,050 square-foot parcel where a Shell gas station currently sits. According to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BDPA), the hotel is proposed to be 105,000 square feet with approx-

imately 184 rooms and around 4,600 square feet of ground-floor retail space. The hotel would be eight stories and around 90 feet tall with approximately 82 below-grade parking spaces.

The BPDA states that IAG meetings were held on January 18, 2018, February 5, 2018, March 27, 2018, May 31, 2018, and January 31, 2019, and the proposed project was approved by the Bos-

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Compassionate Organics suddenly pulls proposal for 633 Tremont St.

By Seth Daniel

Neighbors were stunned late on Wednesday when Compassionate Organics sent out a letter indicating it would go no further with its proposal for a marijuana dispensary at 633 Tremont St.

The news came in a statement from the company late in the afternoon Wednesday, and indicated that the City had informed them that the proposal was not going to be moving forward.

“While we believe that this location and space appropriately fit into the fabric of the neighbor-

hood, unfortunately, Compassionate Organics has been informed by the City of Boston that it will not be moving forward in this process,” read the statement. “We very much look forward to the opening of our Newbury Street dispensary later this year, and will continue to search for locations to serve patients and customers, whether in Boston or beyond.”

While it was alluded to that the City had informed them the proposal couldn't move forward, some in the neighborhood doubted that was the case. All along, the process has been clear in that the City

was only the facilitator and any applicant had the right to apply to the Zoning Board. Compassionate Organics has yet to set a date at the Zoning Board, but its main competitor – Liberty Compassionates on Albany Street – is expected to have its date at the ZBA in late March. Liberty also just signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and support with host association Blackstone Franklin Square Neighborhood Association. The South End liaison, Faisa Sharif, did not immediately return

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BVNA wants more info about proposed Stuart St. marijuana establishment

By Lauren Bennett

Marijuana company Patriot Care, which currently operates a medical marijuana dispensary on Milk St., came before the Bay Village Neighborhood Association (BVNA) Planning and Licensing Committee on Feb. 19. The Bay Village community had a lot of questions for the proponents, who are seeking approval to open a recreational/medical combo dispensary at 304 Stuart St/129-133 Columbus Ave., which is currently the site of the Mooncusser restaurant.

“We're very proud of our operation at 21 Milk St.,” said Bob Mayerson, CEO of Patriot Care. “We were the first group that received a medical license from the city.” Patriot Care defines themselves as “an experienced operator in Boston,” and also operate marijuana entities in places like New York, Chicago, and Washington,

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NEW ENGLAND WATERCOLOR SOCIETY SIGNATURE MEMBERS SHOW



The Upper Gallery of the Guild of Boston Artists gallery on Newbury Street was teeming with guests at the reception on Feb. 9. See more photos on Page 13.

EDITORIAL

TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC EVERYWHERE

A recent national report confirmed what those of us in the Greater Boston area have known all-too-well for all-too-long: That by some measures, traffic congestion on our metropolitan roadways is the worst in the entire nation and among the worst in the world.

Traffic congestion in Boston and its environs no longer is confined to the usual morning and evening rush hours during the work week. We seem to be getting closer and closer to a reality of traffic jams, 24/7/365.

And heaven forbid that there is road construction or an accident, which can make a bad situation nightmarish.

What is especially aggravating about this reality is that the Big Dig, which we still are paying for, was supposed to alleviate what had been legendary traffic tie-ups that had plagued the Greater Boston area for decades.

We endured the travails of the Big Dig throughout the 1990s, but were promised that when it was done, all of the aggravation, plus the billions and billions of dollars in cost overruns (that we commuters still are paying for via fare increases on the harbor-crossing tolls and tunnels when the feds refused to pay more than the billions they already had committed to the project) all would be well-worth it because Boston traffic would be a breeze for the foreseeable future.

Yet here we are, barely 15 years past the Big Dig's completion, and traffic is worse than it ever has been.

The failure of the Big Dig to deliver on its promise of reduced traffic congestion is similar to the failure of the original Central Artery project that was completed in the 1950s. By the time that elevated roadway was built, it already was obsolete because there was more traffic passing through Boston each day than it had been designed to handle. Within two decades, traffic on the Central Artery was more than double its capacity.

Admittedly, just getting rid of the elevated Central Artery has been a huge boon to our downtown area. Although it was nice to drive through the city with a view from above street-level, the removal of that iron monstrosity from the landscape has been well worth the cost.

Still, it has been disappointing that the Big Dig ultimately has failed to achieve its main objective of significantly reducing traffic congestion throughout Greater Boston.

It is clear that public transportation is the only means by which our traffic problem will be alleviated. Unfortunately, the MBTA and its commuter rail lines are woefully unprepared to make even a dent in the traffic situation.

Some have suggested that linking North and South stations will help somewhat -- but that is another project of epic Big Dig proportions with questionable overall value to the traffic problem.

So it seems that we are stuck in a gridlock of our own doing -- and there is no foreseeable clear road ahead without major investments in our public transportation infrastructure.



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EPA - Do Your Job!

By Jack Clarke

Among the hundreds of thousands of federal employees furloughed during the record-setting partial government shutdown, were those responsible for tracking pollution, safety hazards, and other threats to the American people's health, safety, and welfare.

EPA was missing oversight of superfund site clean-ups, along with inspections at thousands of factories, recycling plants, power plants, and many other facilities.

At the Interior Department, half the staff of its Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement were sent home -- and these are the folks responsible for preventing offshore drilling disasters. At the same time, Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management brought back furloughed employees early to plan for an offshore oil lease sale in March -- all while EPA was not enforcing the National Environmental Protection Act that reviews those activities.

Now that they are back on the job, at least for the next two weeks, the beleaguered federal workforce is facing a pretty stressful work-overload -- and at the nation's expense.

All this while EPA has just hit a 30-year low in the number of pollution cases it referred for criminal prosecution to the Department of Justice.

In addition to rolling back regulations and rewriting rules to favor polluting businesses, last year the 166 cases referred by EPA was the lowest since 1988 when Ronald Reagan tried to dismantle the scandal-ridden agency with Ann Gorsuch at the head.

In 1990, Congress directed EPA, through the Pollution Prosecution Act, to employ 200 or more special enforcement agents. Today it has 140.

Criminal violations of the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and other environmental statutes used to result in prison time for those convicted -- but not anymore. In 1998, EPA prosecuted 592 criminal polluters. Pursuit of environmental criminals has been going down steadily ever since.

And settlements made with polluters plunged to an abnormally low point in 2017 with only \$1.6 billion collected in penalties, down from \$5.7 billion the previous year.

While the number of new civil and criminal cases, defendants charged, and federal inspections and evaluations have all dropped to their lowest levels in at least a decade, decisions on prosecution referrals are also being taken away from those closest to the crimes in EPA's regional offices, and instead centralized at EPA headquarters in Washington, D.C. This rearrangement allows political appointees from the oil, gas, coal, and chemical industries to ignore criminal referrals from the field.

To make matters worse, EPA staff have been told by managers to step back from enforcement and let the states take over, essentially giving states veto power over some cases and injecting local politics into federal prosecution decisions.

As the Administration's plan to cripple EPA proceeds unimpeded, polluters are being let off the hook. With fewer prosecutions, the Administration is sending a clear and direct signal to industry that they don't need to comply with the

law because they won't be prosecuted. This, in turn, provides an incentive to break the law. Why spend extra money working to decrease emissions or pollution levels if no one's holding you accountable? And it creates an uneven and unfair playing field for the majority of businesses and industries that do comply with America's health and safety laws. They are now at an economic disadvantage.

And this is all occurring while the threat of climate change reaches an all-time high. With science debunked in Washington, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recently told the world we have a little over a decade to substantially reduce heat-trapping carbon dioxide emissions to 45 percent of what they were in 2010. By 2050, emissions need to effectively be kept at zero in order to stave off the most severe effects of climate change.

The IPCC report is a red flag, to America in particular, that we can't afford the roadblocks thrown up against any EPA action to curb greenhouse gases, especially as the U.S. is only behind China in leading the world in carbon emissions.

EPA is the nation's premier public health agency protecting the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land we live, work, and play on. At the core of its mission is enforcement -- and that's not happening, with or without a furlough. And once you delay or stop criminal prosecution of polluters, you stop protecting the American people.

Jack Clarke is director of public policy and government relations for Mass Audubon.

Blackstone/Franklin blazes trail with marijuana MOU

By Seth Daniel

The Blackstone/Franklin Neighborhood Association (BFNA) has agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Liberty Compassionates medical marijuana facility on Albany Street that calls for donations, volunteerism, parking mitigation, and minimum purchases in exchange for their support of the proposal.

It is the first host neighborhood association to support any of the numerous marijuana proposals in

the South End, and the first neighborhood association in the City to have crafted a legal MOU document with a marijuana company -- going far beyond the standard, cookie-cutter Host Community Agreement that the City has been drafting with marijuana applicants.

"Part of the effort was to provide a vehicle to codify commitments on the part of the applicant that go beyond what we gather will be in the City's Host Community Agreement (HCA)," said

BFNA Board member David Stone, who negotiated the agreement for Blackstone. "We think an agreement like this is a good thing to have in place... They had made a lot of commitments and we felt as if what they were prepared to do on these fronts was significant and positive... but there needed to be a vehicle to codify it and make it real. That's where the MOU originated. We believe it's the first voluntary agreement between a marijuana applicant and a neighborhood in

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the city...I hope it's useful to people as a political model in other parts of the city."

As part of that MOU, Blackstone has agreed to pledge its support to the Liberty proposal as the host neighborhood association.

"BFNA agrees to formally state its support and non-opposition to Liberty Compassionate's proposal for a Medical Use Cannabis Establishment (dispensary) at 591 Albany St. to the Boston Zoning Board of Appeal, and if necessary to the state Cannabis Control Commission," read the MOU – which stipulated that the support for the proposal would not extend to recreational marijuana uses.

The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association had agreed to a letter of non-opposition with Compassionate Organics in January – and is still working on an agreement – but they are not the host association for that proposal.

Pilot Block Neighborhood Association is the host for that proposal, and they have officially opposed it.

The MOU follows a neighbor-

hood process that began last fall between all of the major neighborhood associations as they grappled with numerous proposals and applicants in all corners of the South End. To be fair to everyone, a criteria was established and an MOU process was suggested.

Stone said BFNA and Liberty took great pains to follow that community agreement, and both were proud of following that process.

Liberty representative Vin Giordano could not immediately be reached for comment on the MOU, but was a signatory on the Feb. 11 document.

Part of the MOU includes community benefit payments and volunteer hours for Blackstone. If licensed and open, Liberty will contribute payments for the first five years – including \$15,000 the first year, \$15,000 in the second year, \$20,000 in the third year, \$25,000 in the fourth year, and \$30,000 in the fifth year. The payments will be used for safety/security, public realm improvements and neighborhood welfare. BFNA and the

Friends of Blackstone and Franklin Square will each get one-third of those payments, and the final third will be distributed to non-profits in the immediate neighborhood.

Beyond that, Liberty agreed to provide no less than 125 hours per year of volunteer community service by its employees for South End causes.

They have also agreed make best efforts to recruit and hire qualified residents of the South End for employment at the dispensary.

Some of the other stipulations are nuts and bolts issues, such as the minimum payment – which has been defined as \$50 on the first

visit and \$35 on every other visit.

"The logic there is to address the equivalent of a problematic liquor store where you have nips or the equivalent of that," he said. "It's not to be a single-dose."

Other stipulations include:

- Hours of Operation: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Saturday; with Sunday to be at the discretion of Liberty but at a reduction of hours. The facility will not open July 4, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

- Parking: Liberty will offer customer parking arrangements to discourage double parking or parking in resident-only spaces.

They anticipate to use a valet service during peak hours.

Another piece of the agreement states that if the rules change at the state level, or licensing requirements are altered, the agreement will be re-negotiated.

"That gives us further protections against the possibility that the rules get changed," Stone said.

He also said he hopes the agreement can be an interesting platform for other neighborhood associations.

"We think it has benefits to our corner of the world," he said, "but also may be helpful to the city at-large."

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a phone call seeking clarification on what action the City took.

Owner Geoff Reilinger didn't return a phone call seeking comment or clarification.

The host association for the Tremont proposal, Pilot Block, has issued a letter of opposition to the proposal in the last few weeks, and Interim Secretary Nicola Truppin said they were pleased with the company withdrawing from the process.

"I'm extremely pleased with this," she said. "We thought the zoning regulations are there to be upheld. We know when zoning boards make these decisions randomly, if people take them to court, many times these decisions are overturned...The most important thing is we stood our ground... We are glad they saw fit to withdraw...This was just not the right

place and we're glad they finally saw that."

Some close to the process said it could be a situation where Liberty seemed to have the upper hand at the moment, and the investors in Compassionate Organics, from Chicago, might have pulled their support from the Tremont location.

Truppin and South End Forum Moderator Steve Fox said they were encouraged by the process that has used the MOU tool to negotiate with applicants – as was done by Blackstone last week. That was a process that Compassionate Organics and one neighborhood association stepped outside of in January, frustrating many in the neighborhood.

"The South End is a group of people who feel proprietary, with some 17 neighborhood associations, but on matters affecting the

entire South End, many of them understand how important it is to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood," said Truppin. "I think that (process) propelled and gave momentum to the 591 Albany St. proposal that allowed it to come in and maybe that set the stage for Compassionate Organics to withdraw."

The statement by Reilinger said he appreciated the diligence of the community leaders, neighborhood groups and elected officials in considering their proposal.

"I am so proud to be a resident of this city and continue to be impressed by the commitment of people in our neighborhoods to engage with each other constructively on building a better community," he wrote. "I hope to see some of you soon at the dog park."

And that was the end of it.

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after the East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) meeting on Tuesday. "We can't forget, though, I have to build consensus to get anything done. We can't forget that. It's like the bill we passed for short-term rentals. The bill that was passed after the Senate and governor went through it was much different than the bill we filed. It required consensus to get that."

Last Thursday, House Speaker Bob DeLeo released his committee assignments, and one of the biggest winners in the Boston delegation was Rep. Michlewitz with his chairmanship of the powerful Ways & Means Committee. That chairmanship had opened up due to a major turnover in the House last year which included former Chair Jeff Sanchez, of Jamaica Plain, losing his seat.

For Michlewitz, the first duty will be crafting a state budget, which is \$42.7 billion, and he said it will include eight public hearings across the Commonwealth.

It also includes meeting with all 160 members of the House, a part of the budget process that Michlewitz said is underway.

"I am honored that Speaker DeLeo believes I can do the job," he said. "The first order of business is creating and debating a \$42.7 billion budget. A lot of work has been done in committee, but we have a short timeframe to get a lot done. The thing I was to stress is my district is my number



State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz was named the new chairman of the powerful Ways & Means Committee last Thursday. On Tuesday night, he visited the East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) for the first time in his new post.

one priority."

Just one week ago, Michlewitz visited the South End to speak with the Eight Street Neighborhood Association as a regular member of the House. One week later, he came back to the South End to speak with the East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) as the new chair of Ways & Means. At the Tuesday meeting, President Ken Smith and the overflow crowd at EBNA welcomed the new chairman with applause.

"It's been a whirlwind of activity the last week," he told the crowd, before launching into his annual legislative update.



Community Meeting

Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

Monday, March 4
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

980 Harrison Ave
Boston Water and Sewer, 2nd Floor Training Room
Roxbury, MA 02119

Event Description

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since the 2016 launch of PLAN: Dudley Square, RSMPOC meetings also include progress reports on that initiative. All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired. RSMPOC meetings are held in the evening the first Monday of the month at the Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWSC) in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Free parking is available in the BWSC parking lot. For more information about the RSMPOC and the public meeting, please visit our webpage at: bit.ly/theRSMPOC.

Please come join your neighbors and the City of Boston to help shape the future of the neighborhood!

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VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE AT THE STATE STREET PAVILION CLUB AT FENWAY PARK

Photos by Lauren Bennett

One-hundred and fifty senior citizens gathered at the State Street Pavilion Club at Fenway Park on Feb. 14 for a lively Valentine's Day Dance. The dance featured lunch, a DJ, and photos with the World Series trophies. Five different senior centers were invited to the

event: Peterborough Senior Center in Fenway, La Alianza Hispana in Roxbury, Cambridge Senior Center, Waltham Senior Center, and the Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center. The seniors danced their hearts out to hits like "Sweet Caroline" and "(I've Had) The Time of My Life," decked out in red and pink for the holiday.



Ruth Khowais was not afraid to show off her dance moves during "The Twist."



Elvira Castillo joined in the conga line around the dance floor.



Sandy Leone was a bundle of energy on the dance floor and never without a smile.



Elvira Castillo, a member of the Peterborough Senior Center, had a blast dancing with her friends.



Meaghan Larrabee, Friendship Works volunteer at the Peterborough Senior Center, had a sweet dance with Gloria Platt.

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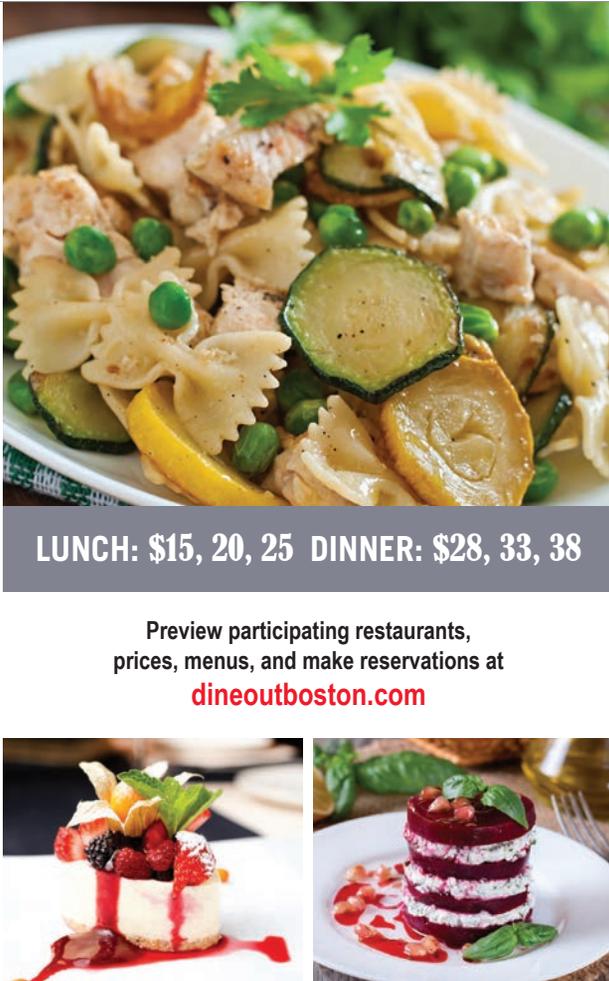
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Stephi's on Tremont to close after 11 years in the heart of the South End

New York Sts. operators to cross East Berkeley to Tremont

By Seth Daniel

The operators of Bar Mezzana in the New York Streets will take over the Stephi's on Tremont space in June, with the landmark Stephi's closing up in the next few months.

Stephi's owner Stephanie Sokolove said she has been spending more time out of Boston after 25 years of operating her location on Tremont Street and on Newbury Street. She said selling the business to the collaboration company with her restaurateur sister, Kathy Sidell, made sense.

A third Stephi's location in the Seaport closed up last summer.

"The last twenty-five years of running Stephanie's has been an incredible journey and I feel like it has truly become an iconic Boston brand," said Stephanie Sokolove, former owner of the Stephanie's Restaurant Group. "I have nothing but the utmost appreciation and gratitude to our landlords, employees and loyal clientele over the years. I'm spending more time with my family in both Los Angeles and Florida and it was the right time for me to sell the business."

Sidell said the decision was tough, but it was about keeping two locations on Tremont.

"The goal since we began collaborating at the top of 2018 was to make the most prudent decisions for all the restaurants," said Kathy Sidell, Partner, Sidell Hospitality and CEO of Met Restaurant Group. "Sidell Hospitality is excited to operate two iconic restaurants on Newbury Street in the Boston's

Back Bay. Stephanie's which will be celebrating 25 years and The Met Back Bay, which opened almost a decade ago. We look forward to serving our customers and bringing new and exciting offerings to both locations."

That said, the key retail space on Tremont will not remain empty long.

Jefferson Macklin of Bar Mezzana and Shore Leave – both in New York Streets – said he and his partners, including Chef Collin Lynch, will make a move on the space.

So far, they don't even have a name for the new concept.

However, he said they won't change much, and will include the same kinds of American comfort food with their own twists. He said the price point would be a bit different than Bar Mezzana, and that they would be doing a build out of the space this summer.

They will take over on June 1, and it is expected that Stephi's will close this spring.

One change that is being made is to request a later closing time seven days a week, at 1 a.m. At the moment, Stephi's has a closing hour of midnight Sunday through Wednesday, and a 1 a.m. closing Thursday through Saturday. A meeting of the Union Park Neighborhood Association will take place at 5:45 p.m. at the South End Library on Feb. 26.

Later that same night, the new owners will meet with the Ellis South End Neighborhood Association at 6:30 p.m.

MARIJUANA OPERATION LOOKING AT WELLINGTON/COLUMBUS AVE LOCATION

The Claremont Park Neighborhood Association is meeting Thursday with a potential equity operator of a recreational marijuana dispensary slated for 549 Columbus Ave.

Taba Moses has proposed to open a large marijuana dispensary in the building on the corner of Wellington and Columbus. It is owned free and clear by David Bean, and currently hosts a work space concept.

Claremont President Bob Barney said the proposal is in the very early stages and they're not taking a position until they hear more about it. He said they'll listen to the proposal and formulate a position in the weeks to come.

AVANTE-GARDE PARTY OFF MASS AVE TO BENEFIT ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH

One knows it's going to be a good time when the organizers won't even tell you where the soiree is located.

That's the case for Gameday, a fundraiser by Tucker Mitchell to benefit Alzheimer's research at the underground ArtPlug Studios off of Massachusetts Avenue.

The part includes musical performances by Liam, Beno, T-Cap and Tucker Mitchell, as well as visual arts and all kinds of creative endeavors. The party is on Friday,

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Feb. 22, and doors open at 7 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$10, and \$15 at the door.

Want to know where it is? We're not telling.

But one can find out and purchase tickets by emailing tucker-mitchell48@gmail.com for address and info.

REP. SANTIAGO, CITY TO HOST OPIATE TOWN HALL

Rep. Jon Santiago, in conjunction with the Mayor's Office of Recovery Services, is hosting a Town Hall forum to discuss the opioid epidemic from 6-8 p.m. on March 7 at the McKinley Elementary School auditorium. This Town Hall aims to bring together local government officials, service providers, and residents to listen, learn about, and explore solutions to the opioid epidemic at Mass/Cass. Everyone is invited to help kick off this new and innovative approach to community engagement. Opening remarks will be made by Rep. Santiago, with City Health and Human Services Director Marty Martinez discussing the City's approach to the epidemic.

HEMPFEST PERMITTED FOR ONE DAY IN SEPTEMBER 2019

This year, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Chris Cook has informed MassCANN, the organizers of Hempfest, "The City requires event permittees to abide by their permit conditions. As a result, the City is modifying the terms of your permit for 2019, by limiting the duration of the event to one day." The Commissioner states that MassCANN has eight serious permit violations including the responsibility of removing trash generated by event attendees and to clean up litter in and around the event boundaries. Each

year this event has grown, both in number of days and number of participants. This past year, there were more widespread permit violations, placing an unacceptable burden on the park.

SOUTH END SHOP CLOSING

After 13 years in business, Willey Boston – 8 Union Park St. – will be closing at the end of February. This week they will begin discounting merchandise and retail fixtures.

ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES FROST FIT WINTER SERIES

A new outdoor fitness series encourages people to venture outside and experience the beauty of the Esplanade in winter while kicking off the new year with regular workouts. All are welcome to warm up, score cool swag, and get their blood pumping at the Frost Fit Winter Series Presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts with the support of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

This is a first-of-its kind fitness series on the Esplanade! First, every Saturday in February (February 2, 9, 16, and 23, with snow dates on March 2 and 9), instructors from the November Project will lead participants through running loops, body-weight exercises, and other fun, energetic activities designed to keep them moving (and therefore warm). Anyone who attends these workouts, which run from 10:00am to 11:00am in front of the DCR Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, will receive a Frost Fit Winter Series fleece headband, bagels, coffee, and hot chocolate. Headbands are limited to the first 450 participants.

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ton Civic Design Commission on February 5, 2019.

IAG member Lauren Dewey Platt, who has lived in the Fenway for 25 years, told the Sun that she has "serious concerns" about the precedent that this hotel would set should it be allowed to be built "given that in its present form it violates a code that disallows the building of a structure closer than 20 feet from the Back Bay Fens." She is also upset with the process that this building must go through to get approved. She is in the process of writing a letter to Tim Czerwiński of the BPDA with her concerns outlined, and is working on getting more signatures before she submits it.

She said that the Boston municipal code states that no building shall be placed within 20 feet of the Back Bay Fens, but she said this hotel would only be set back

13 feet from the property line of the Fens.

"The parks commission has not made its ruling yet," she said. "After the Article 80 review process is completed, this goes to the parks commission for a ruling."

Dewey Platt explains why she believes this could be precedent-setting: "If one allows one to build a structure and it doesn't meet the code, it sets precedent for this to happen again," she said. "I just don't want to see anyone set a precedent where they're not meeting the requirement."

She said she has brought this issue up multiple times at meetings and in comments, but the response has been that the Parks Department has not yet made its ruling.

"They love to divide and conquer," Dewey Platt said. "The rest of us are just stuck having to wait until they pass the buck to the next

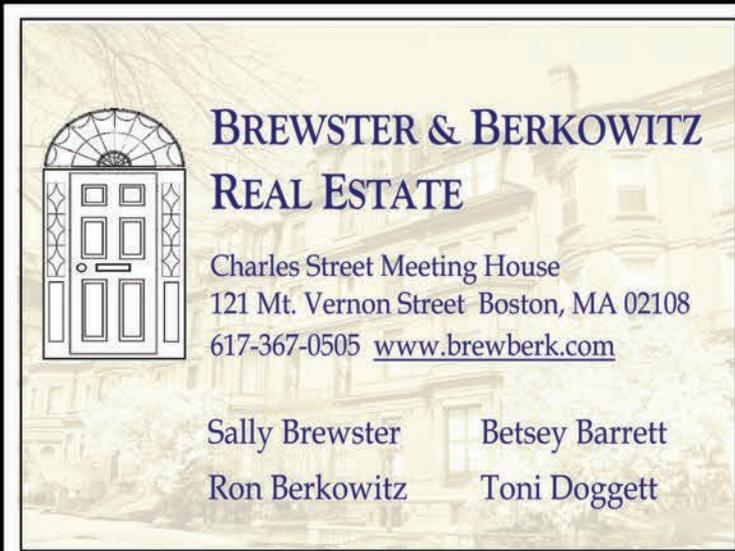
agency or person. This is how the BPDA operates."

Dewey Platt believes that developers should be given a template that meets the municipal code in which they can build their development.

"I've been on a lot of stuff before and this is a giant frustration," she said. "I've been involved with this for so long—one development after another, the same issues come up all the time."

"We need to preserve our green space," Dewey Platt continued. "It just seems wrong and I'm just not sure why this is set up this way."

On February 14, The BPDA Board authorized the advertising of a public hearing to consider the proposed project as a Direct Impact Project for March 14 "or a time and date to be determined by the director."



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Judge orders Weymouth man to stay away from JJ Foleys after South End beating arrest

Staff Report

A Boston Municipal Court judge has ordered a Weymouth man to stay away from JJ Foley's Cefe and the Bostonian Market during an arraignment on Wednesday, Feb. 20, after he was charged with the brutal beating of another man on Fay Street Feb. 9.

Judge Tracey-Lee Lyons imposed a \$5,000 cash bail for

Michael Kenney, 40, of Weymouth, and further ordering him to stay away from the victim, Chris Smith, and witnesses. She also ordered him to stay away from the Bostonian Market at Harrison and Fay streets, and JJ Foleys.

Police had issued an all points bulletin to the region to locate four people who were accused of beating and body slamming Smith on the sidewalk near Fay Street Feb. 9 — a beating that took place over

what was perceived as a comment about one of the women in the group.

At about 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19, officers at the front desk of District D-4 (South End) arrested Kenney, who had turned himself in for an assault and battery. He was placed under arrest for a warrant out of Boston Municipal Court for charges of Assault and Battery Causing Serious Bodily Injury and Assault and Battery.

At about 2:45 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 9, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) responded to a radio call for a person screaming for help in the area of Harrison Avenue and Fay Street in the South End. On arrival, officers observed an adult male victim lying on the ground in a semi-conscious state. The male was then transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. Officers spoke to witnesses on scene who provided a descrip-

tion of a group of three white male suspects who were alleged to have assaulted the victim, punching him multiple times, before slamming him into the ground.

Officers canvassed the area for the suspects to no avail.

It is believed that the argument started at JJ Foley's and then progressed outside as the victim headed to El Triunfo Restaurant to eat.

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D.C. "We know how to run this business," Mayerson said.

Patriot Care has a conditional use permit at their Milk Street location, which does not allow them to add recreational use in that location, so that's why they sought out a different location where they could include both medical and recreational. Mayerson explained that Patriot Care would occupy all four floors of the building at 304 Stuart St. They would have the ability to separate recreational, or adult use, and medical use within the building, he said.

In anticipation of questions around parking, Mayerson told the Bay Village community that there are over 4,000 parking spots within 1,000 feet of the location, and over 100 metered spots within 1.5 blocks. Someone pointed out that a lot of those spots are filled during the day with people coming to offices in the area.

"We're near the Green Line," Mayerson said, and said that "it's hard to say" what the daily projected traffic would be.

Another portion of Patriot Care's presentation revolved around security. Chief Security Advisor George Agganis said that the company's "approach to security is to broaden that belt of security into the streets." He said that they take care to not only protect their building, but outside of it too with a series of security cameras that are monitored by people.

"We've had zero, and I mean zero, complaints at Milk Street," Agganis said. "Our guards check identification, walk perimeters, walk the streets," he added. He said that their job is to understand the neighborhood and the facility.

BVNA member Gaye Bok was very concerned about a recreational dispensary being put in the Bay Village neighborhood, and asked Patriot Care what their plan is for controlling smoking on the streets and in pocket parks.

"We have demeanor policies," Agganis said. He said if they see any behavior that is contrary to

the law, they "have no problem" calling law enforcement, and will not serve that person again. "Our license is on the line too—we value that," he said.

Mayerson added that as soon as there is an issue at any of their locations, they have to disclose that for any other license across the country. "We can't have that happen," he said. "It's not 100 percent foolproof," he added, "but we do everything humanly possible on our side."

BVNA member Sarah Herlihy asked if anyone from Patriot Care has walked the streets of Bay Village. Agganis responded by saying he has driven through the neighborhood. "It disappoints me that you haven't walked the streets of Bay Village—driving is different," she said. "The city has done nothing for smoking marijuana in public." She wanted to know exactly how Patriot Care would make sure people are not smoking in the neighborhood, as she believes law enforcement has not been enforcing this law.

Dennis Kunian, Vice President of Community Affairs for Patriot Care, said that he has walked the streets of Bay Village. "I know the streets," he said. "The plan is enforcement," he said, working with Boston Police Department A-1 Captain Fong, the sheriff's office, and Attorney General Maura Healey. "I think that one of the things that Patriot Care does is they take a lot of this personally," he said.

Herlihy responded by saying that she wants to see a concrete plan of how they will keep smoking on the streets should they be permitted to operate this business in the Bay Village. "Without a plan, we've got nothing to trust," she said.

"Medical and adult use are not that different to people," Mayerson said.

Agganis said that if they are able to gather intelligence on something that occurred, they will be able to act on it with presence of law

enforcement. He said that their Lowell recreational dispensary will open first, with around six months "under our belt" before the Bay Village would be in operation.

Mayerson said that they are limited by state law—"we can give three percent of revenue" to the city, which can be used for things like security cameras. "I would be fully supportive of them giving some of that money to cameras," he said.

Herlihy suggested that the Patriot Care team walk around with someone from the Planning and Licensing Committee "so there is a plan for the best shot at deterring recreational use in our neighborhood."

She and others said that Bay Village is dark and quiet, so it's "a really easy place to go and do something bad," Herlihy said.

Patriot Care agreed to this idea, and Mayerson said that "Our goal is to make you as comfortable as we can make you on this issue."

Bok stood firm: "I'm sure you're a very reputable operator, but I don't want a recreational dispensary that close to Bay Village," she said.

Patriot Care did not have any official proposed hours of operation for this dispensary, but they mentioned that the Milk Street location is currently open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. "For this, we want a little longer than that," he said, until around 7 p.m. on weekdays. He said operating hours will be shorter on the weekends, but they will need to work with BVNA and the city on the actual hours.

Mayerson said it was also "hard to say" what the traffic situation will be, as it is "easier for cars" to get around the Bay Village area than the Milk Street area, he said. He added that they plan on engaging in a traffic study.

Mayerson said they have a goal of 400-500 visits per day in this new proposed location, and Herlihy said that would add a lot of foot traffic to Bay Village. "I think the traffic study is going to be important," she said. She said she wants

to hear specific details about hours and security.

She reiterated: "I just don't hear a plan. We typically hear much more specific plans," she said. "Frankly, I think you're coming to us a little early. I would like to see a fully fleshed security plan that takes into account the neighbor's concerns."

"We'll do that; we'll take a walk," Mayerson responded. He said the reason they didn't come with a more detailed security plan is "because it's never been an issue" for them before.

Agganis said he has a security plan for the building, but "would never know the particular small things that you're concerned about." He said he can approach that very easily and is willing to take a walk with the neighbors to learn more about their concerns. He also said he could show them the layout of where they plan to have cameras, which will be "centrally located about the facility and the immediate perimeter," he said. "I'm happy to hear of your concerns."

"We're going to do everything we can to mitigate as much of your concerns as we can within reason," Agganis added.

Herlihy said she still doesn't hear an answer on the parking issue, and believes that people will double-park to go inside the dispensary. She told the team that they might want to explore a 15 minute retail parking plan with resident parking at night, as this would be a good tradeoff for the neighborhood.

She also wrapped up the presentation by saying that she will connect with the Patriot Care team to schedule a walkthrough as early as next week, so the team can learn more about the neighborhood and its specific concerns.

A community outreach meeting regarding this project is scheduled for March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Boston Park Plaza.

MOONCUSSER OWNER SEEKING FULL LIQUOR LIC.

Mooncusser Fish House owner

Ian Calhoun also appeared before the BVNA Planning/Licensing Committee on Tuesday night because he is seeking a full liquor license for his restaurant on Stuart St. He currently has a beer and wine license, but would like to expand his offerings to liquor as well, as he said he's had patrons sit down and then get up and leave when they find out liquor is not offered.

Mooncusser has been in the Bay Village since 2017. "So far we've been really pleased, we like the area," Calhoun said. Should Patriot Care be granted the license to operate in the 304 Stuart St. building, Mooncusser has plans to move into the closed Flash's bar space, where Calhoun said that everything would remain the same as it is in the current space.

He is seeking approval for the new liquor license in his current spot, and should he be given permission from the BVNA, he will go to the city as soon as possible after that. He said he doesn't mind going through the process again should he have to move.

"We don't want places to become straight bars," Herlihy said. She said they have to consider the bar-seat to dining-seat ratio, though this has become less of a concern as people are increasingly ordering whole meals at the bar. She said she believes that Calhoun is an experienced operator.

"I don't want it to be a bar," Calhoun said. He said that right now, they stop food at 10:00, but the serving of drinks and food would be in concert, and they'd be happy to stop before 2:00 as the license states.

"We do like to and need to see the plans before we vote," Herlihy told Calhoun, adding that they want to have an agreement with him and if they receive enough information, they will be able to vote at the next Executive Committee meeting, which is set for March 4.

A GALENTINE DAY CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER HOSTED BY OAK LONG BAR + KITCHEN



Olivia Munoz and Rachel Greenberg at Oak Long Bar + Kitchen.

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Oak Long Bar + Kitchen in Fairmont Copley hosted Galentine Day celebration on Feb. 13. The holiday was inspired by the show “Parks and Recreation,” to celebrate female friendships annually on Feb. 13, whether that be your friend, sister, co-worker, mom, partner or whomever one chooses to cherish. OAK Long Bar is donating \$10 from every \$55 to Women’s Lunch Place, a daytime shelter on Newbury Street offering a safe sanctuary, nutritious meals and critical support services for Boston women experiencing poverty and homelessness.



Sarah Markham and Ellen Bhang, writer for The Food Lens and the Boston Globe.



Kristy Lyons, Vanessa Kuo, Lauren Soriano, of Fairmont Copley Plaza, and Danielle Connell.



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Dr. Jazmin Munoz and Karen Miranda.



Pictured above, Danielle Connell, Bethany Everett, Ludie Romilus and Kristy Lyons. Pictured to the left, Bartender Luis Alvarenga pouring “Gal Pals” - one of the signature cocktails at Galentine’s Day. Pictured right, Chef Sherry Hughes and OAK’s Executive Chef Graham Lockwood.






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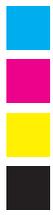
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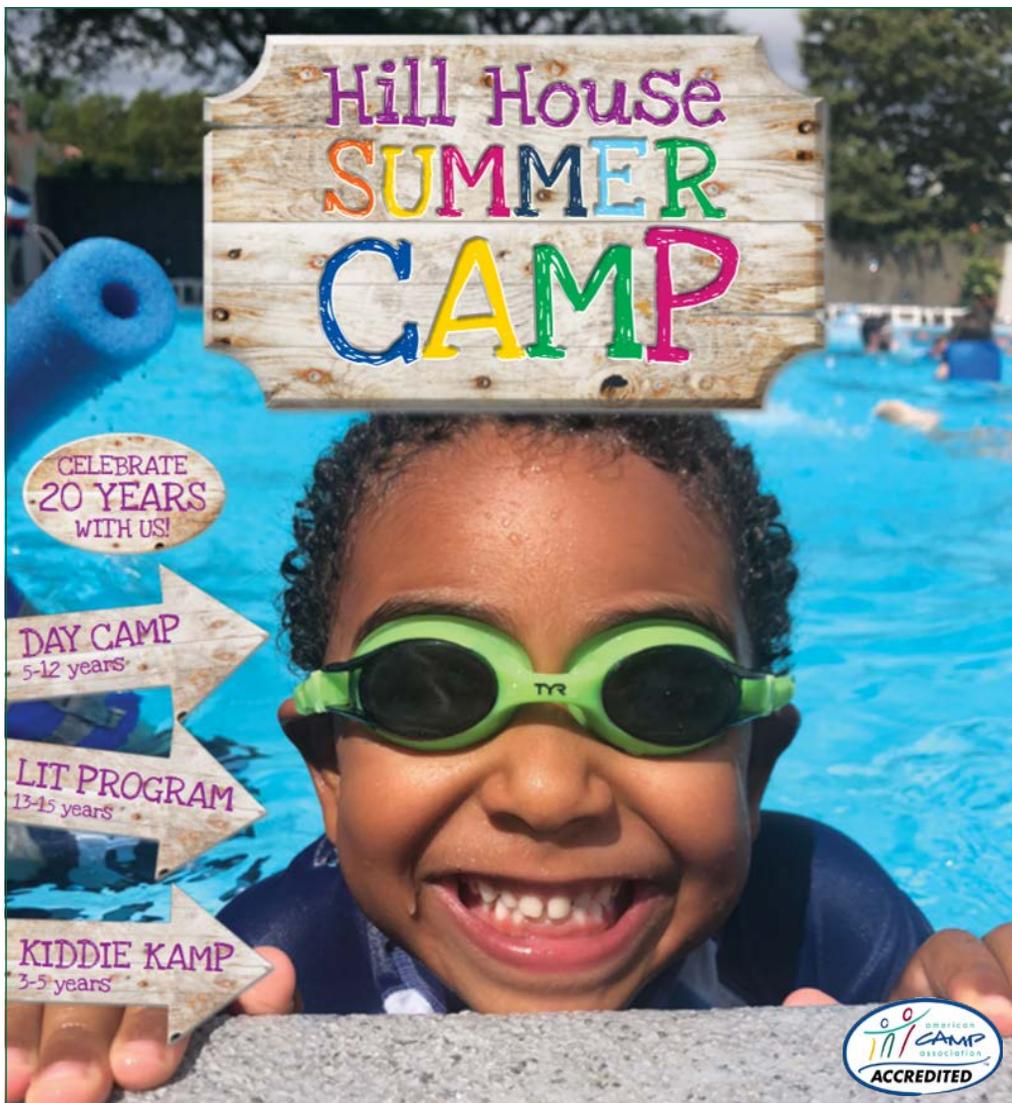
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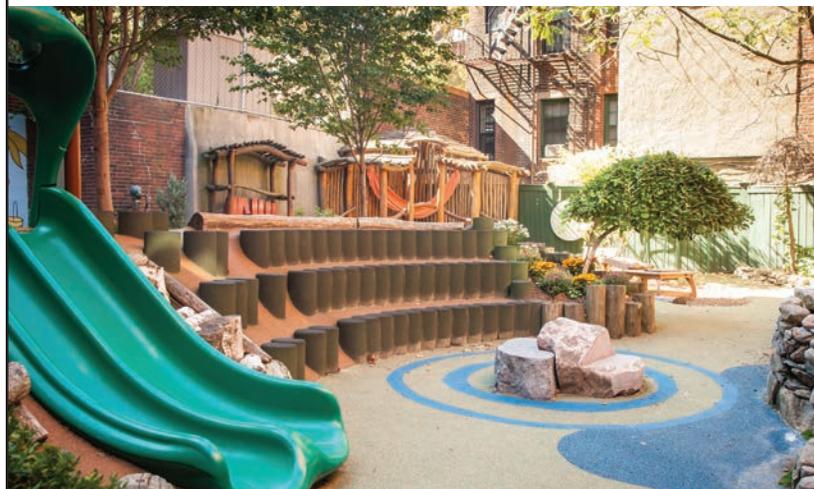
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Tani Marinovich.

Marionvich appointed CEO of Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay today announced the appointment Tani Marinovich as its new CEO. Tani succeeds long-time President Patty Foley, who is retiring after 20 years of leading the organization. The organization will honor Foley for her service at their annual Destination Boston Harbor gala on March 28th at the Seaport Hotel in Boston.

Marinovich has a demonstrated track record of success in the environmental arena, having served as Executive Director of the Esplanade Association and more recently as Director of Philanthropy with The Charles River Watershed Association. Her deep passion for environmental stewardship, youth programming and community building make her uniquely qualified to lead Save the Harbor/Save the Bay to new heights.

"We are glad to have found a new leader who is cares so deeply about our mission," said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Board Chair Joseph Newman, Director of Government Affairs for Massachusetts at National Grid. "Tani is an experienced non-profit leader. The Board and I are confident she will continue to ensure that our policy and programs continue to be thoughtful and strong as we work with the next generation of Harbor stewards and environmental advocates."

"It's an honor to have been chosen to lead an organization that aligns with my passion for clean water, public access and free youth environmental education programs," said Marinovich. "I am thrilled to work with such a talented staff, committed board, and dedicated civic, corporate, government and community partners. I

look forward to building on Patty's legacy, and expanding the depth and breadth of the critical work of this organization."

"This is an exciting time for Save the Harbor/Save the Bay," said Foley. "With Tani at the helm and a great board and leadership team in place, I am confident that the future is bright for Boston Harbor and the region's waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities. I look forward to doing everything I can to support her and the organization I love so much during this transition."

"Tani cares about Boston Harbor, the Harbor Islands and our region's public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket," said longtime Save the Harbor Director of Strategy Bruce Berman. "She also cares about our community. I look forward to working with her as Save the Harbor continues to "Share the Harbor" we have worked so hard to restore and protect with the region's kids and families."

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is best known as the driving force for the successful transformation of Boston Harbor from a national disgrace to a source of recreational and economic opportunity and civic pride for all Bostonians and the region's residents, with the cleanest urban beaches in the nation. In 2018, their free youth environmental educations connected more than 30,000 underserved and low-income young people and their families to Boston Harbor, the harbor islands and the region's public beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull.

For more information, see www.savetheharbor.org.

BBAC stands firm on guidelines in most-recent design review items

By Lauren Bennett

Four projects came before the Back Bay Architectural Commission on Feb. 13, moving relatively quickly through the presentation and approval process.

At 344 Beacon St., the applicant proposed to repair and re-paint existing iron railings, replace the garden-level door in kind, replace three windows with a singular window on the penthouse, and rear balcony window modifications, among a few other things. The three windows would be replaced with a steel window as one larger opening, and the applicant said that there is no evidence that it is visible from the street.

The applicant stressed that he really wanted to use steel for the windows, but the Commission, especially Commissioner Iphigenia Demetriades, was adamant that steel was not an appropriate material.

"The guidelines are wood," said Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission.

The applicant said that steel has a lower profile and he would "love to continue this throughout" because it picks up on other elements of the design. He said that a wood window gives much less of a profile and will provide less of a view than steel.

Commissioner Jane Moss asked if there might be something the applicant can do to the wood that would achieve the look they're after and please the client. The Commission told the applicant that if he were able to achieve the same

profiles in wood, then that would be accepted. They also reminded him that the doors must be wood as well.

"I fully support the commission," said Sue Prindle of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay. The Commission approved the project with the proviso that wood windows and doors be used with the exception of the courtyard door which can remain as metal.

At 260 Beacon St., applicant Anthony Griseto proposed to replace two fourth-story-two-over-two-non-historic vinyl windows with wood one-over-one windows on the front facade.

Griseto said that on the existing vinyl windows, there are two-over-two grilles between the glass, and vinyl was painted to match the exterior. The grilles are still white, he said. He wants to install double hung one-over-one wood windows that would be painted to match. He said they do not make two-over-two windows that tilt in, which is what the clients wanted.

"I don't want to set a precedent," said Commissioner Jerome CooperKing. "There's got to be a way to approve this without setting a precedent."

The front of this building has already been altered at least 75 percent, so the Commission approved this project based on the fact that it has been heavily altered. They said that 75 percent of the facade "does not meet any guideline that we would support today," so they are allowing the windows.

At 398 Beacon St., applicant Ron Payne proposed, among other things, to replace windows at the front facade and rear elevation,

install a new wood deck and iron railing, and install copper cladding, mahogany doors, brick paving, and new landscaping in the courtyard.

Payne said that the roof deck is set back 18 inches off the sides and 4 feet from the front, and will sit atop the garage. In the courtyard, he is looking to change the doors to a more French-style door. In the other courtyard, he said it will have traditional copper with French doors, and they will not be keeping the bedroom suite. Payne said this courtyard cannot be seen anywhere except from the sky.

Sue Prindle said that she heard from an abutter about a drainage issue in the alley, and the project team responded by saying they are aware of it and it will be dealt with. The Commission approved the project with the understanding that the drainage issue is gone over with the staff.

Lastly, at 320 Beacon St., applicant Dianne Hodgetts proposed to remove a cherry tree in the rear yard. She said that the tree is currently on top of the sewer line.

It's a "pretty tight space back there," she said, with a number of plantings along the righthand side. She said any replacement tree would "have to be something very small," as there is a sewer line on the other side of the wall as well. She said her plan is to consult someone to find something that could fit in that area. The Commission approved the tree removal with the proviso that Hodgetts work with the Garden Club of the Back Bay and details be sent to staff regarding the choice of the new planting,

ColSo's 'Winter Members Show: Renewal' opening Feb. 28

The Copley Society of Art is proud to present the annual juried Winter Members Show, an exquisite showcase of unique works by artist members in a variety of mediums and styles. This exhibition opens with a reception on Thursday, Feb. 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the ColSo Gallery, located at 158 Newbury Street, and continues through April 28.

This year's show, *Renewal*, features a range of styles and mediums including painting, photography, graphite, and pastel. ColSo is honored to have Meg White, Director of Gallery NAGA, jury this year's Winter Members Show. First prize was awarded to Acadia Mezzofanti for *Self-Portrait: Untamed*, an illusionistic photograph. Second prize was given to Carolyn Latanision for *Powered Down*, Bethlehem Steel, a watercolor of a rusted

steel engine, while third prize was granted to Mary Hughes for her abstract painting evoking winter ice surfaces, "Ice Flow I."

The Copley Society of Art (ColSo), America's oldest non-profit arts organization, is committed to the advancement, enjoyment, and promotion of its member art-

ists 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.

Congratulations to our following artist members, who will be featured in the exhibit along with their colleagues:

Doug Adams, CA	Chris Firger	Barbara Morse, CA
Cariappa Annaiah, CA	Ann Trainor Domingue, CA	Paul Noel
Hilary Baldwin, CA	Josephine Foote	Kat O'Connor, CM
Frank Bartucca	Steven Foote	Roger Palframan, CA
Christian Bergeron	Susan Hollis, CA	Joe Reardon, CA
JoAnne Chittick	Mary Hughes, CA	Jeanne Rosier Smith, CM
Marc Civitarese	Carolyn Latanision, CA	John Rufo
Hannah Cole Dahar	Ellen McGill	Tony Schwartz, CA
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Charlesgate Park set to receive \$400,000 in CPA funds

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Walsh and the Community Preservation Committee last week recommended 56 projects as recipients for the fall round of Community Preservation Act funding. The projects total more than \$34 million. The Fenway/Kenmore neighborhood has been recommended to receive \$400,000 to complete the design for Charlesgate Park, which is a 13-acre historic park that's part of the Emerald Necklace.

Charlesgate Alliance co-founder H. Parker James said that he's "excited" about the prospect of this money. State Sen. Will Brownsberger and Reps. Jay Livi-

gnstone and Byron Rushing were able to help earmark \$250,000 in the budget for Charlesgate Park improvements in December of last year, which James said is already being used.

This and 55 other CPA projects have already been recommended by the mayor, which means the next step is for them to be submitted to the Boston City Council. The City Council has an anticipated vote in March to approve the funding for these projects.

James said that the \$400,000 CPA money will be used towards engineering, design, hydrological design, and permitting with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Conservation Commission. "It's incredi-

bly important," James said of this preliminary work that must be done before people will start to see results.

He said that once they get the permitting in place, they will implement the project "one part at a time." He said they are gathering any other public funds they can, and the rest will have to be raised.

"We are going to do it," James said. "We're all really excited and working around the clock."

Charlesgate Alliance has combined efforts with the Emerald Necklace Conservancy on this project, and James spoke highly of Emerald Necklace Conservancy president Karen Mauney-Brodek. "She has added incredible professionalism and leadership to it all."

he said.

"I am proud to recommend these proposals for funding approval, which will support our community in countless ways," said Mayor Walsh. "Since residents voted to adopt the Community Preservation Act two years ago, we have awarded CPA funding for projects in every neighborhood. We look forward to continuing to use this revenue to build on our work related to affordable housing, historic preservation and open space."

Other local recommended CPA projects include:

- Back Bay

\$420,000 to stabilize, restore, and weatherproof the First Baptist Church steeple.

\$200,000 to restore the stairs

and fenced-off main entrance of the Arlington Street Church on Boylston Street.

- South End

\$400,000 to Union United to complete accessibility features for a community food pantry and meeting space.

\$146,000 to Peters Park for the completion of the park renovation, which will include path restoration and athletic features for local youth sports.

\$136,500 to Haley House to complete fire safety features in the historic townhouse used for a daily soup kitchen, job training program, and volunteer housing.





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Children's Winter fest returns to Boston Common tomorrow

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be bringing the annual Children's Winter Festival to Boston Common in partnership with the Highland Street Foundation during school vacation week on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additional support is being provided by XFINITY, Capital One, the Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center, L.L. Bean, and Cricket Wireless.

"The Children's Winter Festival gives kids and families the opportunity to enjoy a day of outdoor fun in downtown Boston," said Mayor Walsh. "Come join us for free games and activities on the Common during public school vacation week."

Among the attractions will be the 45-foot-long Toboggan Tunnel mountainous adventure with twin roller lanes, the 30-foot-high inflatable Everest Climb N Slide, a Ski Lift photo op, sledding, and much more. In addition, the Highland Street Foundation is sponsoring a week-long Winter Camp at the

Boston Common Frog Pond with free skating and rentals for all ages from Monday, Feb. 18, through Friday, Feb. 22. For more information on the Winter Camp skating, please visit www.highlandstreet.org.

The festival will also feature 103.3 AMP Radio's JD, giveaways (while supplies last) from Disney's "The Little Mermaid" Signature Collection 30th Anniversary Edition and "Ralph Breaks the Internet," and refreshments from Power Crunch protein energy bars, Cabot Cheese with Fuel Up To Play 60, KIND Snacks, and Nature's Path. Additional support is provided by Magic 106.7 and 103.3 AMP Radio.

Please note that this is an outdoor event with temperatures expected to be in the low to mid 30s so attendees should dress appropriately for winter weather. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, visit www.cityofboston.gov/parks or go to www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment.

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ART OUTSIDE THE BOX: NEW ENGLAND WATERCOLOR SOCIETY SIGNATURE MEMBERS SHOW

Can an artist break new ground, step out on untried paths, and still demonstrate superb control and technical mastery? To judge by the Signature Members Show of the New England Watercolor Society (NEWS), the answer is a resounding “yes.” Visitors to the show at the Guild of Boston Artists gallery on Newbury Street will certainly find expertly rendered traditional paintings of New England scenes that the word “watercolor” calls to mind, but they will also encounter striking abstract paintings, edgy compositions, and challenging experiments with color and light that expand the capacities of the genre and carry the viewer into new territory. The exhibit offers an exceptional opportunity to appreciate the high degree of artistry and technical mastery attainable in this challenging medium – pushed, in the words of critic B. Amore, to expressive and technical limits – and to acquire unique artworks by some of New England’s



Robert Noreika with his prize winning painting “Ice, Wind and Fire.”

premier painters. Although many of the paintings on display offer evidence of remarkable powers of observation and innovation, no single style dominates the exhibition. In fact, the remarkable diversity of visions and techniques is at once apparent. “Our members are a really eclectic

group, with talents branching out in many directions,” says NEWS president and Boston resident, Wendy Hale. “This exhibit showcases the creativity and technical ability possible in water media.”

This year’s exhibition judge, who chose the paintings for the Society’s prestigious awards, is Cindy Baron, AWS, a distinguished painter, teacher and critic. The exhibit runs from Feb. 6 to March 3, with a reception and awards presentation that was held on Feb. 9.

Award winners included Boston resident Kate Sullivan who received an Honorable Mention for “Berkeley and Boylston Streets”, Winchester resident Carolyn Latanisian, who received the Creative Catalyst Award for “Left to Rust, Bethlehem Steel”, and Somerville resident Seth Berkowitz who received the Marcie McManus Memorial Reward for “Inman Square Winter.” Irena Roman’s “Harvey” won the Gold Medal, Steven Lush’s “First and Finest” won the Silver, and Gigi Burboeck’s “Windows in the Night” won the Bronze. Other



Wendy Hale awarding the Silver Medal to Steven Lush.



Irena Roman with “Harvey”, Gold Medal winner.



Carolyn Latanisian’s prize winning painting “Left to Rust, Bethlehem Steel.”

award winners included Robert J. O’Brien for “Pensive,” Judy Metcalfe for “Free Spirit”, and Robert Noreika for “Ice, Wind and Fire”.

As part of the Society’s commitment to education, award-winning member artists will give free painting demonstrations and gallery talks on weekends at 1 p.m.

The Society, which traces its history to 1885 and numbers such figures as John Singer Sargent, Child Hassam, Andrew Wyeth, and Ruth Wynn among its past luminaries,

today claims nearly 200 signature members and an overall membership approaching 400.

NEWS Signature Members Show, Guild of Boston Artists, 162 Newbury St., Feb. 6 to March 3, Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sundays noon - 4 p.m. Painting demonstrations Sundays, Feb. 24 (Ann Trainor Domingue). Gallery talks every Saturday at 1 p.m., Feb. 23 (Ann Hart) and March 2 (Kristin Stashenko).



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NEWS BRIEFS (from pg. 5)

FITCHBURG
MAN KILLED ON
NORTHAMPTON

At about 12:35 p.m. on Monday Feb. 4, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) responded to a call for a person shot in the area of 186 Northampton St. On arrival, officers located an adult male victim suffering from gunshot wounds. The victim, suffering life-threatening injuries was transported to an area hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. The victim has since been identified as Juan Morales, 32, of Fitchburg.

The Boston Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. Anyone with information is strongly urged to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at (617) 343-4470.

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463).

BACK BAY
HAPPENINGS

•Eataly at the Prudential Center hosts Apres Ski Festival Weekly Winter Happy Hour every Thursday in February. Beer, wine, and other beverages are available to sip on, while comfort food inspired by the Italian Alps will be offered. There is also a live DJ! Go to Eataly.com for tickets and more information.

mation.

•Commonwealth Avenue Mall Lighting: Dark stretches of Commonwealth Avenue Mall will stay bright year round, thanks to the launch of a plan to design and install permanent lighting of the statues on each block of the Mall. The first project will be the Morrison statue in the Spring of 2019, followed by the Garrison and Collins statues. We are currently raising funds for the Commonwealth Avenue Mall Statue Lighting. If you'd like to help, you can donate online at friendsofthepublicgarden.org or by sending a check in the mail. For more information, email Margaret Pokorny at mpok384@gmail.com, or call 617-723-8144.

•Friends of the Public Garden Annual Meeting: Save the date for our 49th Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 28, featuring a presentation by Chris Cook, Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space. The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Omni-Parker House, 60 School St. R.S.V.P. at friendsofthepublicgarden.org.

SOUTH END DATES

•IBA will meet with neighbors on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m. in the Gallery at Villa Victoria, 85 West Newton, regarding its \$47.2 million plan to rehabilitate 146 units of public affordable housing. In previous community meetings IBA and their architects have presented their plans for these properties which includes significant

modifications to the exterior (to restore these brownstones to historically accurate standards) and to completely refurbish the interiors.

The rehab project for these buildings will be starting next week and IBA would like to inform neighbors about the project, the timeline and be able to answer any questions.

•The Blackstone/Franklin Neighborhood Association will resume meeting in March on the third Tuesday of the month.

•USES will have a public meeting regarding the sale of the Tubman House. It will be a time for the community to come out and hear the plan, as well as ask questions about the effects of the sale. The meeting will be Monday, Feb. 25, at 48 Rutland St., South End.

•The Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) will meet on Feb. 26 in the surgical wing of BMC's Menino Pavilion – a new and permanent location for the meeting.

•Councilor Anissa Essaibi-George will hold a campaign kickoff fundraiser on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at JJ Foley's in the South End, 117 E. Berkeley St. at 5:30 p.m. Suggested contributions range from \$50-\$1,000. Senior citizens are complimentary.

•The South End Forum will have its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 6 p.m. at the AC Hotel, 225 Albany St. Other meetings will be May 7 and June 11.

•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 Feb. 19, March 19, April 23, and May 21.

FENWAY TIMES

•BILLY JOEL RETURNS TO FENWAY PARK

The Boston Red Sox announced that Billy Joel will return to Fenway Park on September 14. He will also be the first artist to be inducted into a Music Hall of Fame display being created this offseason depicting the artists who have had multiple successful shows at Fenway Park. Tickets are now on sale to the general public.

--Phish will also be playing at Fenway Park on July 5 and 6. Tickets will go on sale to the public beginning Friday, February 1 at 10am.

--The Who will take the stage at Fenway Park on Friday, Sept. 13. Tickets are now on sale to the general public.

--Zac Brown band will play at Fenway Park on Saturday, Aug. 31. Tickets are now on sale to the general public.

•The Peterborough Senior Center holds bingo at 12:30 p.m. and a Tech Café at 11 a.m. every Wednesday. Come play bingo and meet new people, or can get help with your phone or tablet/computer.

•44th Annual Gardeners Gath-

ering

On Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Northeastern University Shillman Hall & The Egan Center, Join local and regional gardeners at this annual event hosted by The Trustees of the Reservations--all free and open to the public! *Over two dozen gardening, urban homesteading, and community organizing workshops**Keynote address and presentation of the Community Garden Awards by Mayor Walsh**Special guest speaker Aziz Dehkan, Executive Director of New York City Community Garden Coalition**Exhibitors' gallery: Boston-area agriculture, gardening, and environmental organizations*A detailed itinerary will be available at a later date.

•The Making of a Community Garden Film on Feb. 27: Meet the gardeners and filmmaker who are working together on a documentary about Boston's community gardens. Filmmaker Mark Gardner will show clips from the work in progress, and a few of the film's stars will share their stories and answer your questions. You can help us make the movie by dreaming up a title and maybe even recording your own community garden story! Enjoy locally sourced appetizers, beer, and wine. Advance ticket purchase is recommended. Tickets include food and one drink, and all proceeds support Trustees Boston Community Gar-

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For the Record

From the Feb. 20 License Board hearing, City Hall:

•Emerson College D/B/A: Emerson College, 80 BOYLSTON St., Back Bay. Has applied for a Dormitory License to be exercised on the above - 13 Story Building. Manager: Erik Muurisepp.

From the Feb. 21 South End Landmarks Commission (Site Visit), 587 Albany St.:

•5 p.m. Previously Heard 07/2018
587 Albany Street Proposed Work: Demolish existing structure and construct a new multi-unit residential building.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION HEARING:

A Feb. 25 hearing regarding BuildBPS, 5 p.m. The Chair and Sponsor of the Committee is Councilor Anissa Essaibi-George.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HEARING:

A Feb. 26 hearing, 12:30 p.m. at City Hall, ordinance amending the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XVII, regarding licensing and regulating shared mobility businesses (motorized scooters). The Chair of the Committee is Councilor Michael Flaherty. The Sponsor of the matter is Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

From the Feb. 26 South End Landmarks Commission Hearing, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.:

•Advisory Review - Alexandra Hotel 1767 Washington Street Proposed Work: Partial Demolition of rear of existing structure, restoration of street facing facade, construction of a new hotel tower.

From the Feb. 26 Licensed Premise Violations hearing, City Hall, 10 a.m.:

•Bhc Corporation General Partner, d/b/a: Club Café, 209 Columbus Ave., Back Bay. Date: 01/06/2019, Patron on patron assault and battery; patron on employee assault and battery.
•Oliver Twist Inc, d/b/a: Cask and Flagon, 62 Brookline Ave., Fenway. Date: 11/21/2018, Assault and battery patron on employee.
•Comm 973 Group LLC, d/b/a: T's Pub, 971 973 Commonwealth Ave., Fenway. Date: 10/04/2018, Minor in possession of alcohol inside premise.

From the Feb. 26 Boston Landmarks Commission, City Hall, 4 p.m.:

•Emerald Necklace (Continued)

Applicant: Margaret Dyson, BPRD
Proposed work: Phase 2 of Muddy River Flood Damage Reduction Project

•Christian Science Complex
Applicant: Brooke Ten Eyck, First Church of Christ
Proposed work: Extension to 17.810.223, renovation of Mother Church and Extension facades.

•Deerfield Street/BU Yawkey; 113 Back St.; 67 Back St.; 199-201 Bay State Rd.; 10 Kenmore St.; and 152 Bay State Rd.

Applicant: Joseph Shannon, Crown Castle
Proposed work: Replacement of light post and installation of DAS node

•Boston Common Frog Pond
Applicant: John Schaub, General Manager
Proposed work: Temporary installation of carousel and ticket booth between parade ground and Frog Pond.

•Boston Common Frog Pond
Applicant: John Schaub, General Manager
Proposed work: Temporary installation of bistro tables, chairs, and planters at the Frog Pond Pavilion.

•Boston Common Brewer Fountain
Applicant: John Schaub, General Manager
Proposed work: Temporary installation of bistro tables, chairs and umbrellas at Brewer Fountain.

•MBTA FARE PROPOSAL PUBLIC HEARING

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will be holding a meeting on February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE HEARING ON WAYS AND MEANS:

Hearing order regarding pension fund disclosure, socially responsible investment and reinvestment, Feb. 28, 2 p.m. The Chair of the Committee is Councilor Mark Ciommo and the Sponsors of the Docket is Councilors Lydia Edwards and Michelle Wu.

D-4 POLICE NEWS

UNWANTED VISITOR

On Sunday, Feb. 10, at about 5:15 p.m., a female victim entered District 4 headquarters to report that she had been threatened.

She said after a friend walked her to her front door at 612 Columbus Ave. at about 2 a.m., she turned to get her keys to open the front door to the building when she felt something behind her.

She looked back and saw an unknown male suspect trying to follow her inside the front hallway. The victim, who knows all of her neighbors and didn't recognize the man, asked him what he was doing there. The suspect replied that he also lived in the building, but when the victim asked to see his keys, the suspect threatened to kill her.

Although the victim said at no time did the suspect display a weapon, he blocked her way when she attempted to walk back out the front door.

A woman, who appeared to be accompanying the suspect, then asked him what he was doing. The victim said as she pushed the victim towards the front door, the woman

came to her aid and told the suspect to leave the victim alone.

The suspect then grabbed hold of the door again and began screaming. The woman then restrained the suspect and told the victim to run home. The victim then ran up to her second-floor apartment and locked the door behind her, but she could still hear the suspect screaming in the hallway.

The victim told police there are no cameras in the building, but was able to describe both the suspect and the woman.

MASKED AND ANONYMOUS

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, at about 10:45 p.m. officers responded to a radio call for an armed robbery in progress at Walgreens at 1603 Washington St.

On arrival, police met with a clerk who said about five minutes earlier, a male suspect wearing a black mask and dark clothing approached the counter and handed him a note that read: "Give me money or I will shoot you."

The clerk opened the register

and handed over between \$120 and \$150 cash to the suspect.

The suspect then instructed the clerk to walk with him to the front door before he set off running on Washington Street towards East Brookline Street.

AUTO MAKEOVER

On Thursday, Feb. 14, at approximately 1:19 p.m., police responded to a radio call at 44 Gloucester St. to investigate a person and for threats uttered.

On arrival, police spoke to the victim said about two minutes earlier, he parked his Volvo S60 at that location, when an unknown male suspect the victim of stealing his space. The victim told police that he has observed the suspect pull over in a dark vehicle a short distance in front of him, but assumed the suspect was double-parking rather than attempting to parallel-park.

"You're car is not going to look like that when you get back," the suspect allegedly said to the victim.

When the victim asked the suspect if he was threatening him, the suspect confirmed that he was.

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nity Gardens. Food, drinks and mingling start at 6 p.m.; the program begins at 6:30 at More Than Words Warehouse Bookstore, 242 East Berkeley St. \$12 for Trustees members, \$20 for nonmembers.

•Fenway Victory Gardens 2019 Seed Swap: Come celebrate Carnival, the end of Winter, and the beginning of Spring! Please bring your favorite seeds to share with your fellow gardeners—we'll have envelopes and pens! The event will be on Monday, March 4 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Lansdowne Pub.

MAJOR DONATION TO CITY LIGHTS

Duggan Hill of City Lights reported that he is very pleased with the Related Beal Quinzani's project for how they've given back to the community.

The long-time youth and adult arts programs has been the recipient of a major donation to City Lights as a gesture to the community.

Hill reported that the donation will go towards completely replacing the entire film and sound editing space in City Lights.

"I'm really impressed with this project and they've been very generous," Hill said.

Related Beal officials said they were just glad that they could help the organization in some way. City Lights is about a half-block from the Quinzani's project.

BPD ARREST BURGLARY SUSPECT

At about 9:20 a.m., on Jan. 29, detectives assigned to District D-4 (South End) responded to the Bloom Couture Floral Studio, 769 Tremont St., for a breaking and entering report. On arrival, officers spoke to a store employee who stated that, upon opening the store at 9:10 a.m., she discovered that the store had been broken into. Upon looking around the store for evidence of a break-in, officers observed several signs confirming that the store had been broken into including damage to a rear exterior door, the door jamb and a cash register. After reviewing the store's security camera, officers were able to generate a description of the suspect. Moreover, a check of fingerprints lifted from the store's cash register and later processed by the BPD's Latent Print Unit enabled officers to identify a potential suspect. In light of the aforementioned, detectives applied for an arrest warrant for Luis Mercado, 44, of Boston charging him with the crime. At about 11:29 a.m., on Sunday, Feb. 17, officers located and arrested the suspect in the area of the 112 Southampton St. homeless shelter. While being taken into custody, the suspect stated, "I'm all done, this is it." Mercado is charged with Unarmed Breaking and Entering

into a Building (Nighttime). The investigation remains active.

SOUTH END AUTHORS BOOK FEST

On Thursday, April 4, from 4-8 p.m., the South End Authors Book Festival committee will be holding its fourth annual event.

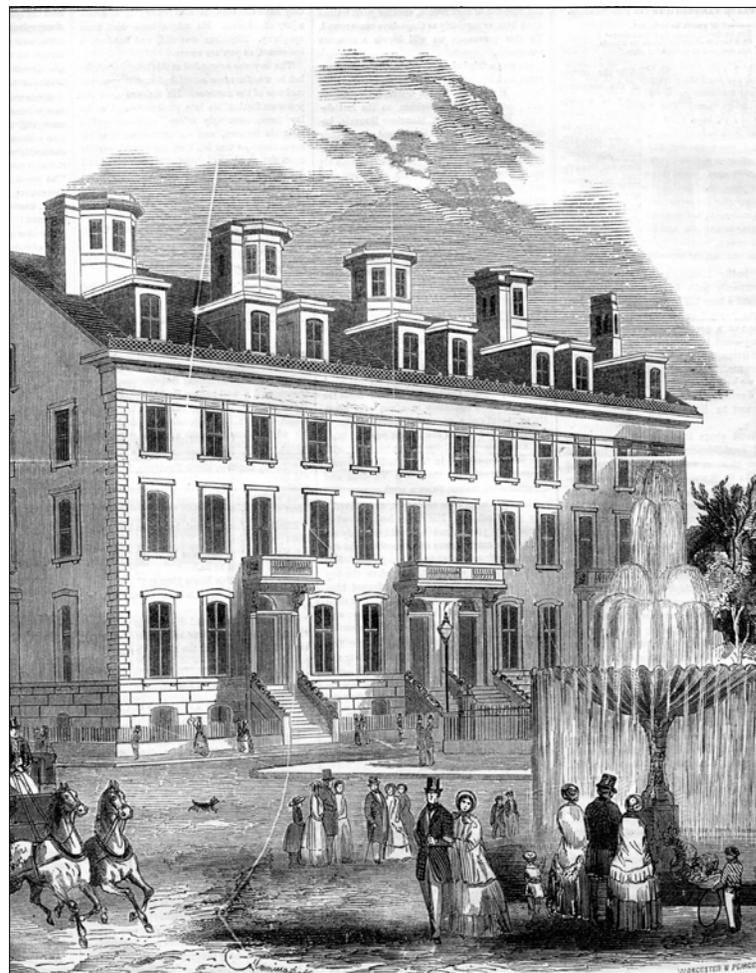
The event will be held at Tent City, 130 Dartmouth St., in the Harry Dow Community Room - across the street from the Back Bay Transit Station.

This event is held every year, so that local authors can present their writings to the General Public for sale. Through the years the itinerary has been pretty much the same, authors introducing themselves and their books to the attendees. Guests intermingling with each other discussing the books being presented. All enjoying good conversation centered around a bit of light refreshments and drink. Also, sometime during the evening, a short presentation by a guest speaker. All and all everyone, authors and guests always end up having a good time.

The Festival Committee would like, this year, to offer a special invitation to all the would be young adult/teenage writers in the community to come to the festival to discuss their writings, the authors writings, or just writing in general.

LOOKING BACK AT BOSTON

COURTESY OF THE SOUTH END HISTORICAL SOCIETY



East Brookline Street, 1851. This week's featured image is an 1851 engraving of Franklin Square and East Brookline Street. The image was on the front page of Gleason's Pictorial Drawing Room Companion in November 1851. Inside the issue, it describes the image as "the fine block of buildings now completing, situated on the corner of Washington and Brookline Streets, fronting Franklin Square. The location of these dwelling-houses is admirable, at a most desirable distance from the turmoil of the business portion of the city, and yet at a most accessible point by omnibus at every hour of the day. The novel width of the 'Neck,' the fine trees that ornament the neighborhood, and the spacious and airy beauty of Franklin and Blackstone Squares, have attracted the attention of person who desire choice building lots and a fine location." This location is now the Cathedral Housing Development.

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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