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FOPG ANNUAL MEETING



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Mary Beth Kelley and Kristen Morse were on hand for the 49th Friends of the Public Garden (FOPG) Annual Meeting, which took place at the Omni Parker House on March 28. Chris Cook, chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space and Commissioner Parks and Recreation for the City, was the keynote speaker at the event.

Child care a daunting task for growing families in the City

City officials call it a crisis on par with affordable housing

By Seth Daniel

It was a few years ago at a neighborhood gathering when the South End's Michelle Hediger was chatting with fellow Southenders Desi Murphy and his wife, Paola Abello – who was pregnant at the time, and she warned them about

the crisis that was about to come upon them once their son was born.

It was an unspoken, and somewhat unknown, stress that has come to terrorize the growing number of young families having children and snubbing the 'burbs to stay in the city.

Most only hear about it in whis-

pers or side conversations when they are expecting a child, but it is two words that these three neighbors only narrowly survived.

Those two words are 'child care.'

The infrastructure for families in the city is still new and untested,

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City Council passes amended ordinance for regulating shared mobility services

By Lauren Bennett

Electric scooters are becoming a reality in the city of Boston—the City Council last week voted to pass an amended draft of an ordinance that would allow the city to regulate businesses renting out small vehicles, such as electric scooters, on city streets and sidewalks.

City Councilor Michael Flaherty said that the Committee on

Government Operations held a public hearing on Feb. 26 and a working session on March 15. At the working session, the committee discussed suggested changes to the ordinance, including reporting requirements of the advisory committee findings, a youth appointee, a dynamic cap, and an annual analysis of licenses, privacy, and public reporting requirements regarding utilization, Flaherty said.

"The committee also discussed

BTD staff capacity to effectively implement this program, the creation of a pilot program and data on trips and imposing fines on users who violate terms of the ordinance," Flaherty said, as well as "the collection of scooters and the responsibility of the companies as well as the insurance and all liabilities."

Flaherty said that one of the

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Benjamin Zander: The mystery of music is still alive at 80

By Seth Daniel

When Boston Philharmonic Orchestra (BPO) Conductor Benjamin Zander was just a boy, he would watch his father come home from a hard day's work and sit at the piano and create a language that dazzled the young man – the

language of music that went beyond words and still delights the accomplished conductor at the age of 80.

Zander, the founder and conductor of the BPO, which is based in the Back Bay, celebrated his birthday in March, along with the 40th anniversary of the BPO. This

week, he sat down with the Sun to talk about the uplifting world of Classical music and the progress that has been made by the BPO and the seven-year-old Boston Youth Philharmonic Orchestra (BYPO) over their successful decades-long

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Taj Hotel renovations proposed, Back Bay concerned with alleyway

By Lauren Bennett

The Taj Boston Hotel announced on March 11 that they have filed plans with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to make renovations to the interior and exterior of the building, including moving the current Arlington Street entrance to Newbury St. On March 27, the BPDA held a public meeting to provide

the public with the details of the proposal, as well as give people a chance to ask questions and make comments.

Alfred Wojciechowski of CBT architects presented the proposal. He began the proposal by saying that the ground floor of the hotel will "remain centrally intact," but the cafe will move to the second floor. The current cafe space will become retail. Wojciechowski added that all of the guest rooms

are being renovated to have a more modern residential feel, and the current rooftop space will be enclosed to provide a year-round space.

As far as the outside goes, Wojciechowski said, "the biggest change is the experience on the sidewalk level," relocating the main entrance to the Newbury Street side of the building. The new

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'AN EVENING OF HISTORY AND RESTORATION'



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Tracy and Heather Campion, with Karen Firestone, during the Emerald Necklace Conservancy's Party in the Park Committee presentation of 'An Evening of History and Restoration' to benefit the Justine Mee Liff Fund Luncheon. Members of the Committee took a special guided tour of the Ames Mansion in Back Bay from restoration architect Kahil Hamady. Hamady and his firm have been restoring the historic estate for the past seven years.

EDITORIAL

BRING ON THE SPRING

Yes, we know that the calendar told us that spring officially began with the vernal equinox on March 20. And yes, the crocuses have been in full bloom, bringing a welcome burst of color to the otherwise-dreary New England landscape at this time of year.

But those of us who call Eastern Massachusetts home know all-too-well that the actual spring season does not get underway until well into April and May, thanks primarily to the sea-breezes that wash over us with air that has been cooled by ocean temperatures that are only in the high 40s.

Still, with the winter of 2019 in the rear-view mirror, we can't complain too much about the weather.

The past winter season was easy on our backs because of the lack of snow that needed to be shoveled. Power outages were almost non-existent compared to the past few years. And coastal flooding, the bane of residents in our low-lying areas, thankfully did not occur, despite the potential that existed with the extraordinarily high tides in January, February, and March because of those super moons.

Still, we know that spring can bring its share of nasty and troublesome weather events. The bombogenesis (the term refers to a weather system that essentially explodes when the barometric pressure drops 24 millibars within 24 hours) that occurred with the coastal storm that came up the Atlantic Seaboard this week thankfully stayed out to sea.

But this near-miss served as a reminder that we may not be so lucky the next time around.

Still, with mild temperatures in the forecast for the first half of April, we can't complain -- and, like hope, our thoughts of warmer weather spring eternal.

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Every year on the third Monday in April, tens of thousands of athletes gather in Hopkinton, and begin the 26.2-mile journey to Boylston Street in Boston. All along the Marathon route, spectators cheer on their friends, family members, and complete strangers. It brings our city together like nothing else. That's why the Boston Marathon is much more than a road race. It's a celebration of everything Boston stands for -- our grit and heart; our resilience and hope.

In recent years, the Marathon has come to stand for something even bigger. April 15, 2013 left our city reeling -- it was one of our city's darkest days. But it also showed us the generosity and compassion of everyday people. We came together as one community, as one Boston, and we showed the world what it meant to be Boston Strong. We showed that we would never let the darkness win. And we vowed to take back the finish line.

Over the last six years, we have turned the Marathon into a movement. April 15, will always be One Boston Day. It's a Citywide day of service, reflection, and healing. It serves as a way to celebrate the

resilience, kindness, and strength demonstrated by the people of Boston and around the world in response to the tragedy. We honor those we lost, and those whose lives changed forever, with acts of kindness, big and small. It's a day when Boston shines brightest. And it's a tradition that we will continue for years to come.

This year, for the first time since 2013, One Boston Day and the Marathon fall on the same day. It will still be a citywide day of service. I call on everyone to do something good for your community on Monday or the weekend leading up to it. Go to OneBostonDay.Org and tell us what you will do.

This year, we are also finalizing our work on permanent markers on Boylston Street to honor the lives that were lost near the finish line on April 15, 2013. Artist Pablo Eduardo is working closely with families to honor their loved ones in a meaningful way. These markers will reflect our City's spirit after the tragedy: bent, but not broken.

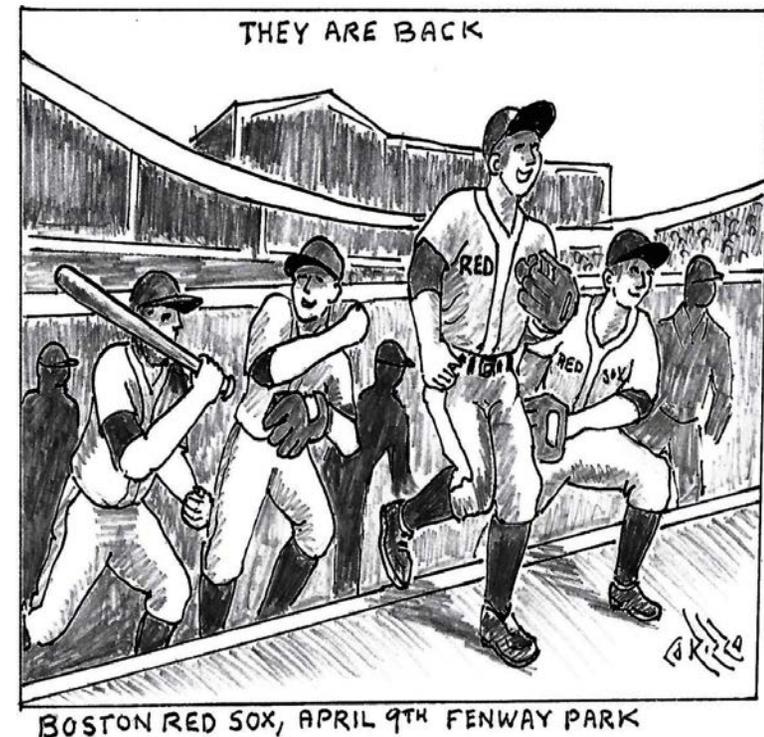
This remembrance consists of stone markers on two separate sites. Bronze and glass pillars will rise and twist into each other, representing the lives lost. The markers will forever serve as a symbol

of hope, representing our city's resolve. We look forward to their completion this coming summer.

Until then, please join us in preparing for the fifth annual One Boston day on April 15, 2019. I encourage you to visit OneBostonDay.Org, to see the acts of kindness planned by individuals and organizations throughout the city and around the world. Last year, we counted more than 43,000 individual acts of kindness. Bostonians shared their projects on social media, and the hashtag #OneBostonDay was trending nationwide. This year, as we get closer, we'll be highlighting the projects people are planning. Whether it's volunteering at a food bank, or helping your neighbor with a household project, there are countless ways to honor this special day. I hope that the stories of others' actions inspire you to get involved this year, and for many years to come.

For 123 years, the Boston Marathon has represented the strength of the human spirit. Now, along with One Boston Day and our permanent marker, we will continue to show the world what it means to be Boston Strong.

Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.



BOSTON RED SOX, APRIL 9TH FENWAY PARK

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more important topics of discussion was concerns about safety and equity, as well as the industry's impact on ADA accessibility, as there was testimony from the disability community at the hearing. He said that the ordinance is "intentionally broad" because the industry is constantly evolving and an advisory committee will help create the regulatory authority that is currently not fully spelled out in the ordinance.

Flaherty also provided a summary of the amendments made, including that a city councilor and a representative from the disabilities commission serve on the advisory

committee, and a quarterly report will be submitted to the mayor and Council "on actions and recommendations undertaken by the advisory committee." Flaherty added that many of the amendments suggested by the committee will be addressed through licensing and contracting with the businesses that will provide the vehicles.

"This is really exciting and this is an incredibly important first step," said Councilor Matt O'Malley, who has been a champion of micromobility services throughout this process. He said that the council would like to learn from the triumphs and tribulations of other

municipalities across the country that have already implemented these types of vehicles. "So we're going to do it right, we're going to do it the Boston way," he said.

O'Malley said he supports micromobility because it helps people get where they need to go, it takes cars off the road, it helps lower greenhouse gas emissions, and "if done right...it can actually generate revenue for the city," he said. "So I can't wait to get to work and I can't wait to see all of us on scooters in the not-too-distant future."

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Franklin Square elms come down after 170 years of breathing life into neighborhood

By Seth Daniel

It was like a wake in Franklin Square last Friday morning as tree crews moved in with cranes and saws to take down three of the historic 170-year-old White Elm trees that line the park.

The diseased trees had stood tall – and grown gallantly – in the neighborhood pretty much since it had been laid out for proper Bostonians to get out of the central city.

Neighbors came out before work, or stopped during walks to take in the sad, but necessary scene. While it was only three of many trees, the unspoken threat was that it could soon be all of the elms if the Dutch Elm disease cannot be stopped from spreading in the interconnected root system.

Chris Cato came out to document the loss of the three trees.

He said he played under the trees as a kid, living in Cathedral Housing and then at a family home on Shawmut Avenue.

“I grew up in the South End and this was my neighborhood park,” he said. “It was the closest green space...It’s kind of appropriate for the South End now – it’s out with the old and in with the new. It has to happen some time, but it’s not easy to absorb...It’s sad to see them go. I enjoyed the shade of them and they kept us cool. They provided a lot of shade for us on a hot summer day.”

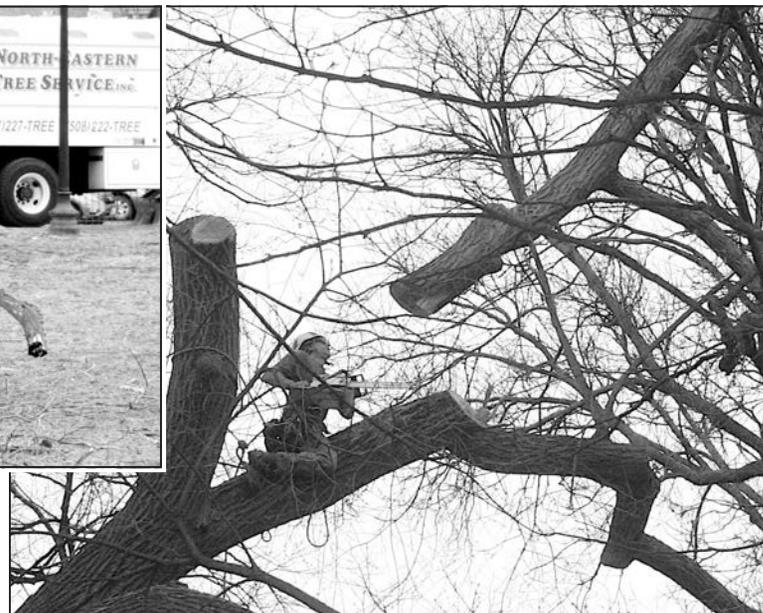
Blackstone Franklin Neighborhood Association (BFNA) Treasurer Matt Mues said it was bitter-sweet, and worrisome to think that many more could be lost.

“It’s sad to see them go, but if it can save the others, then we have to,” he said. “If we get more light in Franklin Square, there could be



a benefit. Maybe people would walk through it more and instead of around it.”

The Friends of Franklin Square and the BFNA are working on a proactive treatment program that has the potential to save the rest of the elms, but it comes at quite a cost.



Workers from Northern Tree Service moved in on Friday to Franklin Square and cut down three of the 170-year-old White Elms that had become diseased. The hope is that Dutch Elm Disease has not spread to the other elms in the park.

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entrance will feature planters with landscaping, widened sloped sidewalks, and turning the current bay window into a box bay window. They are also proposing additional awnings on the upper level, he said.

Wojciechowski said that the sidewalk along the Arlington Street side will be improved as well, and the stone work and planters will be refurbished so they have a “residential quality,” he said. There will also be alley improvements for the trash and compost collection and pickup, and new street trees.

Taj Boston General Manager Carlos Bueno said that the details of the new restaurant space on the second floor were still being worked out, but the space will “definitely” be a hotel-run restaurant.

Jackie Yessian from the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay said that they were concerned with several zoning issues, including that no Floor Area Ratio (FAR) analysis was provided so the NABB zoning chair provided one. Yessian said that NABB believes the building already goes over the allowable FAR, and enclosing the roof space “will further increase the violation.”

The project team said that the existing FAR is being maintained in the proposal, as is the setback and the height. They said that the Project Notification Form that was filed with the BPDA provides a breakdown of the square footage per use, and from a zoning perspective, the square footage of the rooftop space as it exists now counts towards the FAR.

There was a concern about

the ramp outside the entrance for wheelchair accessibility and luggage, as it is “so close to the corner, it will cause some pedestrian commotion,” someone said. They suggested that the team rethink pushing the ramp closer to the door to the entrance.

The alleyway was the portion of the proposal that people seemed to take the most issue with. One person said that those residents and businesses that abut the alley “have lived with a concern over life safety,” as there is often an obstruction of access to their houses and businesses, largely from trucks servicing the hotel.

Sue Prindle of NABB said that there is “a lot that I like about this proposal,” but it “comes down to the scope of the review process,” she said. “The overriding issue is the longstanding concern about the use of the alley,” she added, saying that she has been hearing about it for 30 years and the time to do something about it is now.

Elliot Laffer, also of NABB, was concerned about moving the entrance to Newbury Street and the traffic problems it may cause. He said that cars will now have to go up Newbury Street towards Berkeley Street, and that the proponents need to address the dropoff/pickup zone as well to alleviate traffic congestion issues. Laffer also wanted to know who would be managing the proposed patio area outside the front entrance, as it could easily attract unwanted people. Buenos responded by saying that the hotel will be managing that space.

Robert Hayes, who lives near the alley, said he has “no problem with the architecture—it’s stun-

ning,” but he thinks that more people will come in and out of the hotel after the renovations, which means more delivery and more waste. He called it a “safety problem and a danger,” and a “civic responsibility” that needs to be addressed.

Buenos said that in the alleyway, they have removed equipment and other items that do not need to be there, which leaves receptacles for

recycling and trash. He said that the new dumpster will be able to take recycling and trash, so one side will no longer be blocked. “We are looking for other ways to improve,” he said. The alley currently has two cameras, and they will be adding two more for a total of four cameras. This way, they will be able to monitor when a truck arrives in the alley so someone can be there to greet them and

move the process along more swiftly.

The BPDA is looking for public comments related to this proposal. All materials for the proposal can be found on the BPDA website, and comments can either be submitted on the website or directed to Project Manager Michael Sinatra at michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov. The comment period ends April 11.



Public Meeting

201 Stuart Street - Motor Mart Garage

Wednesday, April 10
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

200 Stuart Street
Revere Hotel
Boston, MA 02116

Project Proponent:

201 Stuart Street Owner, LLC an affiliate of CIM Group, LLC

Project Description:

201 Stuart Street Owner, LLC (the Proponent), an affiliate of CIM Group LLC, together with its development partner Boston Global Investors, LLC, proposes to redevelop the existing eight-story, Motor Mart Garage into a vibrant, mixed-use building by adding basement level retail space, reducing parking, and constructing new residential apartments within the western portion of the existing building, and constructing new residential apartments and condominiums within a 20-story residential tower rising out of the existing building (the Project). The Project will create a mix of approximately 306 new apartment and condominium units, retain approximately 46,000 sf of retail and restaurant space, and retain 672 parking spaces.

Please note that the Proponent has submitted their Supplemental Information filing and this meeting will discuss their response.

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FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN 49TH ANNUAL MEETING

Photos by Keiko Hiromi

The 49th annual Friends of the Public Garden (FOPG) Annual Meeting took place at the Omni Parker House in Boston on March 28.

The meeting featured a presentation by Chris Cook, chief of Envi-

ronment, Energy, and Open Space and Commissioner Parks and Recreation, for the City of Boston. About 220 people attended the meeting, according to the organizer. State Sen. William Brownsberger, Councilor Josh Zakim and Rep. Jay Livingstone were among the attendees.



Anne Swanson and Tunie Hamlen.



Chris Cook, commissioner, Parks and Recreation of City of Boston; Elizabeth Vizza, executive director of Friends of the Public Garden; and Leslie Adam, board chair for Friends of the Public Garden.



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FOPG 49TH ANNUAL MEETING



Joe Selvaggi, Pauline Donnelly, Carol Simpson and Bruce Metzler.



Sheila Geoghegan, Katie Doyle, Sarah Beir and Diane Rooney.



Chris Cook, commissioner, Parks and Recreation of City of Boston, speaking during the 49th annual Friends of the Public Garden Annual Meeting.

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run.

"I got it young," he said of his love of music. "Back in England growing up, I watched my father playing. He would come back home from work and sit at the piano and play. His whole body would transform and he was ecstatic. I said, 'Whatever he's having, I want to have it too.'"

It's that communication with music that goes beyond words – a philosophy of sorts – that Zander said moves people to the point of tears. Music, he said, is one of the only mediums that can take people to such an emotional state, and communicate an idea through harmony.

"Mendelssohn said music is more precise than words," said Zander. "The thing is that it is true, and not just with Classical music. You listen to a Billie Holiday song and you get to places in the song where the tears come to the eyes... Those harmonies and sounds take you to a place of nostalgia and feeling and it's so precise that our tear ducts start working. People don't stand in front of a painting and cry. The only place people really cry is in front of music. It's because it doesn't go to the brain, but rather straight to the heart. No one can decipher how it works that way. It's a great mystery."

Soon after Zander was hit with the music bug listening to his dad play piano, he began studying music at the age of 12 – taking composition under Benjamin Britton and Imogen Holst. From there, at the age of 15, he left his home in England to study in Florence and Cologne with cellist Gaspar Cassado. He completed a degree at the University of London and won a fellowship that brought him to the United States.

He came to Boston in 1965 and never turned back – founding the BPO in 1978 and appearing all over the world as a guest conductor, frequently collecting awards for his interpretation of music.

The BPO started with three concerts per year, and now they've grown to having 24 concerts and many outreach efforts – with Zander also doing an interpretation class at the Boston Public Library as well.

"I've spent 55 years here and 80 years old is a big one because you really aren't in good enough shape to celebrate your 90th," he said with a laugh. "My love for music started very, very young and it's really grown over time. You get four quarters: 20, 40, 60 and 80. From 80 on is overtime...I think

I'm more effective now than ever before...Things are really coming to fulfillment. I don't have any bosses, so I do what I want. If it's too much, I only have myself to blame."

One of the highlights in his late career has been a recent TED talk he gave on the 'Transformative Power of Classical Music.' That talk has exploded worldwide and is the most popular TED talk in China right now.

As well, the BPO and the BYPO are operating at full capacity right now, he said, and with great popularity. He said they have grown beyond the limits of what anyone expected, and he said he sees a hunger for music and knowledge of music at every performance these days.

"I've never seen so many young children at a concert and it's because parents feel comfortable bringing their children," he said.

The next chance for a great concert from the BPO comes on April 26 at Symphony Hall, where they will play Mahler's Symphony No. 5 and Ives's Symphony No. 3.

Zander was particularly excited about this concert and the pairing of two very different composers.

Mahler's 5th is one that Zander and the BPO have performed before – with Mahler being their house composer for years. However, Zander said it never gets old and is a piece of music that describes the full potential of humanity.

"You enter into a world that isn't accessible in any other way," he said. "There's nothing that can bring you to that sense of being fully in touch with what human beings can do."

The second piece is by Charles Ives, an American composer that is

relatively unknown. His third symphony has only been performed here one other time, in 1983. Ives was moved by the religious "camp meetings" of the 1800s and the aspiration to the highest values, everyone believing together.

"Nobody in the audience will have heard the piece," he said. "There is no way...It will be completely new, which is exciting."

The BYPO will also have a wide ranging concert on April 14 at Symphony Hall at 3 p.m. The BYPO concert will feature Wagner, Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky and Mahler.

It is, in fact, the BYPO that has truly energized Zander in the last several years, and he said that is because of the unlimited potential of youth.

He works closely with the students, giving them assignments and helping them with their outlook on life. He said he is constantly inspired by the young performers and their resilience and energy.

"That's another part of the secret of getting old is to surround yourself with young people," he said. "Their development and growth is so critical and so vulnerable and so easily destroyed."

In the end, Zander said there is so much to be taken from life, but it's only the symphony and the idea behind it that has no downside.

"Sports are great, but they are limited because it's really about winning or losing," he said. "That's why there is a downside with sports. Whereas with music there is no downside. It's all about the journey of human beings to reach for the stars...They symphony world is a world in which everybody is uplifted."



Maestro Benjamin Zander has led the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra (BPO) for the last 40 years and just celebrated his 80th birthday, but said he feels more effective than ever. The conductor got hit with the love and mystery of music at a young age, and has never turned back. He can be seen with the BPO this month at Symphony Hall on April 26.

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Friends of the Public Garden seeks new members

Staff Report

April is Membership Month for the Friends of the Public Garden, the nonprofit organization that has worked in partnership with the City for 49 years to protect and enhance three historic parks in the heart of the city – the Boston Common, the Public Garden, and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

“Our members make our work in the parks possible, every day” said Liz Vizza, executive director of the Friends. “We welcome everyone to join us in protecting and caring for these beloved parks.”

Young Friend member Meg McClafferty, who lives on Beacon Hill, has fond childhood memo-

ries of the Common and Public Garden. Although she moved around a lot growing up, she could always look forward to at least one day in Boston every summer.

“The Ducklings are where annual photos show my and my sister’s growth,” she recalled, “and I can’t get on a Swan Boat without thinking of my Nana.”

Because of those memories, McClafferty was one of the first to sign up as a Monthly Sustaining Member of the Friends.

“A large gift amount can be daunting, and it’s not always feasible as a Young Friend,” she said. “But for the price of one breakfast sandwich a month, I know I’m helping the Friends preserve and protect the parks, so that I can

pass those traditions on to my future kids and grandkids.”

Bill Nigreen and his wife, Kathleen McDermott, have lived in Bay Village for 25 years. He walks to the Public Garden nearly every day, arriving to a glorious view of the lagoon.

“I can do a round trip, cross the bridge, and be back home in less than half an hour,” he said.

During his walks, he is delighted to see people from Boston and all around the world enjoying the park in so many different ways.

As a member of the Friends, Nigreen is happy to support the continuous improvement of the park he considers his own. He also enjoys the topical aspects of Friends events and getting together



Bill Nigreen and his wife, Kathleen McDermott, of Bay Village, are happy to support the Friends of the Public Garden – and they hope others will join them in that this month.

with other greenspace advocates. For many years he has found ways to help out China Altman and the Rose Brigade: “What a magnificent display they nurture and such a great example of civic activism.”

This year, Nigreen plans to volunteer for the Boylston Street Border Brigade.

“There’s been so much improvement on my side of the park,” he said.

Anyone who joins the Friends during the Membership Month of April will receive a welcome gift package, with a book on the Public Garden and a Friends cell phone wallet, notepad, and pen.

Memberships start at only \$25. Those interested can join online at www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org/donate or call 617-723-8144 for a membership form.

Beacon Hill Village’s Creative Kitchens Tour set for April 6

Beacon Hill Village (BHV) is proud to announce that the Creative Kitchens Tour 2019 will take place on Saturday, April 6. The Tour invites the community to “take a peek” into some of the most interesting and unique kitchens in a variety of 19th century homes on Beacon Hill. This fundraising event for the Village has become a popular early spring tradition.

Once again, this year’s Tour is made possible through the generosity of many neighbors and businesses, including presenting sponsor Cheers for the Children/Kershaw Foundation. Other business sponsors include Beacon Hill Hotel & Bistro, William Blair, Coldwell Banker/The Hammond Group, Hingham Institution for Savings, Merrill, Payne/Bouchier Fine Builders, Pomery & Co., Inc., Welch & Forbes LLC, and The Whitney Hotel.

Now in its sixth year, the Tour will showcase kitchens steeped in rich history and lovingly updated for today’s living – from spaces built to allow all family members to be in the kitchen at the same

time to perfect entertainment centers. Each home reflects the unique style and vitality of the owners.

The Creative Kitchens Tour, which is chaired this year by BHV member Janie Wallace and meticulously planned and enthusiastically staged by more than 80 neighborhood volunteers, continues to grow and attract hundreds of people from Boston and beyond.

The Tour will be held rain or shine from 1 to 4 p.m. on April 6. A limited number of tickets are available for a pre-tour Luncheon to be held at the Hampshire House from 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Architect Frank McGuire will be the featured speaker and share stories on the “History, Histrionics and Hysteria” of renovations on Beacon Hill. Tickets for the Luncheon, which include a Tour ticket, are \$135 and advance registration is required. Tour-only tickets are \$50 in advance, and also will be available on the day of the tour for \$60 at the Hampshire House, 84 Beacon St., and Hingham Savings at 80 Charles Street beginning at 12:30. A com-

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Neighborhood gets a look at proposed Bay Village Dog Park

By Dan Murphy

The neighborhood got a look at the proposed Bay Village Dog Park during the monthly meeting of the Bay Village Neighborhood Association Executive Committee Monday at the South Cove apartments.

At this time, Paul Mataras of the Boston Veterinary Clinic outlined design goals for creating a “safe, healthy and multi-function space for dogs and their parents to spend time together, exercise and socialize” at the corner of Warrenton Street and Charles Street South.

Cambridge-based Gregory Lombardi Design has been contracted to design the park, which has an

estimated total cost of between \$250,000 and \$300,000 and a projected opening date of April 1, 2020. Possible park elements would include a stone bench, artificial turf, overhead lighting, a “sail shade canopy” and a chain-link fence around the site perimeter.

The Executive Committee voted to form a subcommittee to help coordinate funding for the project, facilitate land ownership issues and choose materials and design elements, among other considerations.

In another matter, Bethany Patten, BVNA president, made a motion that passed on behalf of Sarah Herlihy of the Licensing and Planning committees not to oppose

Mooncusser Fish House plan’s to relocate from 304 Stuart St. to the former site of Flash’s restaurant at adjacent 310 Stuart St., and provide seating for 86 patrons, including 20 at the bar, which would have a full liquor license.

(Mooncusser would only move to the new relocation if the Patriot Care marijuana dispensary is allowed to move from its current Milk Street location to 304 Stuart St.)

Meanwhile, City Councilor Ed Flynn was on hand and asked those in attendance where funding could be allocated to Bay Village as the city finalizes its annual operating budget.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

By PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The diamond insert in the last clue is on 1704 Washington Street. Since 2005, this has been the home of the very popular Toro, a Spanish inspired tapas restaurant. Longtime residents may remember its predecessors, like “Karmen Cafe” and “Smith and Sheehan Cafe” in the 1970s. The next clue will be found in the Back Bay. Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Deluca, John P	Devito, Anne	195 Beacon St #10	\$624,900
Barbar, Jahna	Joan B Devin IRT	286 Beacon St #2	\$875,000
SST Boston LLC	Barry F Cohen RET	220 Boylston St #1010	\$2,500,000
Ivie Properties LLC	Claustro, Joseph C	167 Commonwealth Ave #6	\$765,000
Carpo, Patrick	Hinedi, Tamim	201 Newbury St #203	\$1,540,000
Salisbury, Lisa M	Chang, Cliff	43 Saint Botolph St #101	\$1,065,000
BEACON HILL			
Ruback, Elaine M	Maniace, H Richard	87 Beacon St #2	\$2,243,400
55 Chestnut Street T	Fitzpatrick, Anne	70 Brimmer St #237	\$450,000
Hanley FT	Kehner Robert L Est	121 Charles St #4	\$381,000
Kilicoglu, Zeynep G	Credit Shelter T	35-37 Garden St #7	\$451,000
SOUTH END/BAY VILLAGE/KENMORE			
Gorlovsky-Schyepp, Adam	Fika, Tanya L	29 Fayette St #3-1	\$485,000
Ji, Ziwei	Gospel LLC	558 Columbus Ave #3R	\$522,000
Krikorian, Steven H	Dockrey Tirrells Way	34 E Newton St #4	\$449,000
Williams, Marry E	Schwartz, Paul	12 Stoneholm St #316	\$429,000
JPPF 18 Tremont LLC	RECP V 18 Tremont Owner	18-32 Tremont St	
\$102,750,000			
Harkins, Robert	201 West Brookline St	201 W Brookline St #202	\$3,275,000
1421 Washington Assoc LLC	Hernandez-Santibanez, M	1421-1431 Washington St	\$10,000,000
Torres, Andrew	160-162 Washington St	160 Washington St #160	\$530,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Huang, Jianyang	Chen, Kebin	42-44 Beach St #3A	\$390,000
Wolosz, Justin J	Abrano, Frank M	343 Commercial St #302	\$1,795,000
Lyons, Enrique A	Hymovitz, Marc C	357 Commercial St #103	\$665,000
Fjaellskog, Helena M	Kirby, Robert L	357 Commercial St #702	\$843,900
Marr, David	Fink, William C	181 Essex St #E403	\$695,000
Mann, Eugene	Boullet, Nicolas	150 Lincoln St #5A	\$1,000,000
Bascome, Charles	Amouyel, Alexandra	103-109 South St #3F	\$870,250

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AN EVENING OF HISTORY AND RESTORATION – EMERALD NECKLACE CONSERVANCY

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Emerald Necklace Conservancy guests were transported to the late 19th Century - to the time of Frederick Law Olmstead's creation of the Emerald Necklace parklands - upon entering the historic Ames-Webster Mansion in the Back Bay.

On April 2, The Party in the Park Committee presented An Evening of History and Restoration to benefit the Justine Mee Liff Fund Luncheon.

The opulent Ames-Webster Mansion, designed in 1871 by the firm Peabody and Stearns, is prominently located in the Back Bay on the corner of Dartmouth Street and Commonwealth Avenue, connecting the Boston Public Garden to Frederick Law Olmstead's

Emerald Necklace at Charlesgate. "This was not just a house. It was a place where social, political, and cultural events occurred," explained architect and designer, Kahil Hamady, who has been restoring the estate for the past seven years with Leslie-jon Vickory, of Hamady Architects.

Attendees explored the rooms of the former private residency of railroad and manufacturing heir, Frederick L. Ames (1835-1893), on an exclusive tour.

"Dartmouth was very important because it was wide and lead to Copley Square," Hamady described. "They had great events every year with elites from Washington, New York, and Baltimore."

Hamady guided guests through the Ames-Webster Mansion, rich

with embellished, hand-carved woodwork, secret passageways, and grandiose stained-glass windows. Magnificent murals painted by French artist, Jean-Joseph

Benjamin-Constant (1845-1902), depict figures from Renaissance Venice and the Late Antique Byzantium periods.



Stained glass windows and murals completed by French artist, Jean-Joseph Benjamin-Constant, in 1890, at the Ames-Webster Mansion in the Back Bay.



Kathleen McIntyre and Kitty Creighton, co-chairs of The Party in the Park Committee, welcoming guests.

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Holly Stafford, co-chair of The Party in the Park Committee, welcoming guests.



Alicia Gordon, Anne Lawler, and Maggie Lawler.



Nancy Place, of The Party in the Park Committee.



Sarah Bucknell Treco and Dr. Barbara Millen, trustee of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy.



Architect Kabil Hamady, describing the history and importance of the Ames-Webster Mansion.




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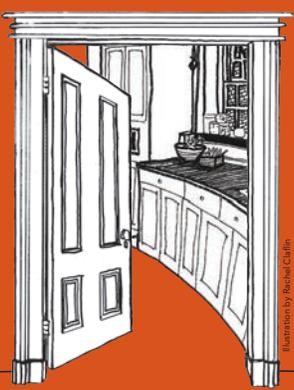
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Fenway CDC holds 46th annual meeting March 28

By Lauren Bennett

Friends, neighbors, and elected officials gathered on the 10th floor of Fenway Health on March 28 for the Fenway CDC's 46th Annual Meeting. Before the speaking portion, people gathered to enjoy a light dinner and spectacular views of the Fenway area.

Executive Director Leah Camhi led off the meeting by announcing that it is now free to become a member of the Fenway CDC. "This has been an amazing year," Camhi said. "We are very, very grateful to our tiny but mighty staff for making this all possible."

Camhi spoke about several of the CDC's accomplishments in 2018, and especially being a driving force in bringing Fenway Porchfest to over 25 venues across the neighborhood. It was so successful, she said, that they will be ramping it up this June 15 in 35 different locations with a total of 70-80 bands.

She also discussed short-term Airbnb reform, and that the CDC was "instrumental" in working to stop Airbnb from taking over Boston. She said that they estimated that Airbnb and short-term hotel stays were taking 6,000 rental units off the market. Working with the City Council and the mayor's office, along with several other organizations, the CDC helped to pass an ordinance at the city level that eventually passed at the state level, as well to regulate these rentals. "We are very excited about that change being made," Camhi said.

The Fenway CDC also acquired



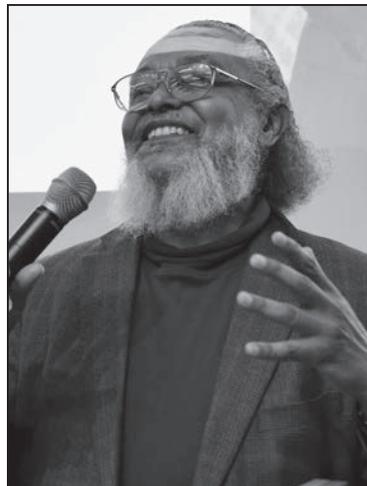
District 8 City Council Candidate Kristen Mobilia and Fenway CDC Board President Gregory Haig.

97 units at Newcastle-Saranac in the South End less than a year ago, according to Board President Greg Haig. The property was acquired to protect the displacement of tenants and preserve the affordability of the units. Resident Rahel Berhe said that she and other residents are grateful for a "safe haven," and "a place to rest our heads at night."

"We enjoy the parks, we take advantage of our libraries and activities that the South End has to offer," Berhe said. "We really love our city. We're special because we bring diversity to the South End."

Sarah Jenness provided an update on some of the development in the area, such as the 60 Kilmarnock Project and the Our Lady's Guild House.

Community service awards were then presented to several members of the community who have shown outstanding dedica-



Former Rep. Byron Rushing gave a short speech after accepting the Joyce Foster Community Impact Award.

tion to the community, and new Board members were elected. The Joyce Foster Community Impact Award was also presented to for-



CDC Board Member Matthew Wildman, Rep. Jon Santiago, and CDC Board President Gregory Haig.



Keynote Speakers Gina Vild and Dr. Sanjiv Chopra of Harvard Medical School gave a presentation about happiness.

mer Rep. Bryon Rushing.

The meeting ended with a presentation by Dr. Sanjiv Chopra and Gina Vild of Harvard Medical School about their book, "The Two Most Important Days: How

to Fund Your Purpose and Live a Happier, Healthier Life." Chopra and Vild shared ways to be happier and engaged the audience by interacting with them and answering questions.



Carla Lampkin-Jones, Mia Jean-Sicard, Sonya Bhabhalia, and Sarah Jenness were elected to the Fenway CDC Board of Directors.



Kris Anderson and Brian Clague presented a Community Service Award to Danisha Wade

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CHILD CARE (from pg. 1)

especially in a neighborhood like the South End, and it has made child care – particularly affordable child care in the middle ranges – almost an unattainable summit to ascend for many families. It's one of the main pulls for city families into the suburbs.

"No one tells you as soon as you have a positive pregnancy test that you should get on the waiting list for day care," said Murphy recently, while holding his son, Liam, at a South End coffee shop.

Added Abello, "I went to a center in my first trimester after friends told me to. I felt ridiculous. I thought it was too early. Then I heard that there was a waiting list and I suddenly realized that we had come too late. We were told we had to wait 10 months to get in. We could get him in by November and I had to be back to work in August."

Hediger and her husband, who both moved to the South End in 2010 from Manhattan, worked long hours in flexible jobs for several years before starting a family in 2017 and committing to staying in their city community.

It was all walks in the park until it was time to get back to work and the topic of child care rolled around.

Hediger said she started looking for good child care that the family could afford around three months into her pregnancy. She was on five different waiting lists, but her number never came up by the time she needed to start work. They had some family in the area, but no one they could lean on to take care of their new baby.

That's when they rearranged their lives and their finances to hire a nanny – making a number of sacrifices to how they had hoped to live with their new child.

In irony of ironies, Hediger said, she just got into one of those day cares three weeks ago. Her daughter is now almost 2 years old.

"I just got in three weeks ago to one of the day cares," she Hediger. "She's 1.5 years old. It took two years to get into one of the day cares we had looked at. It was crazy. It took a year to get into some of the others, but they were really expensive and it was like another mortgage payment. Ultimately, we decided to choose a nanny because we didn't have a plan B."

It's that kind of stress, she said, that often breaks young families. Many of the most die-hard city dwellers feel forced to move to the suburban areas where there are ample daycare options and the system is much easier.

"You could be going back to

work in three weeks and not have anything available," she said. "That breaks down a lot of people. We hope to have a second child and I'm not going to do this again with day care. I feel it's the price we have to pay to live in the city. We have to make sacrifices for our children and be able to live in the community we love."

The City has studied the issue in depth, and is currently working on further study and surveys of parents and child care providers throughout the city – from centers to home-based providers.

Tania Del Rio, executive director of the Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement, said the problem in the City neighborhoods is actually at a crisis point.

"We think it's a crisis similar to the housing crisis, except no one is talking about it," she said. "The affordability and access is a huge problem...Massachusetts is the most expensive state in the nation for child care. For many, it's like another mortgage payment and it's more than tuition for UMass. Parents of children are not surprised by this, but everyone else who hears it is like 'Whoa!' If you are a low-wage worker, you have to use family or others to be able to work. The economy ends up riding on the backs of people working for free – such as grandparents, aunts, uncles neighbors and friends."

Del Rio said the average cost in Massachusetts for a Center is around \$20,000 per year, and home-based child care averages \$12,000 per year. It's compounded by the fact that child care workers have huge (and expensive) licensing and certification demands put upon them by the state, but at the same time they are some of the lowest earners in the economy. On average, a child care worker makes \$27,000 per year, Del Rio said. Because of that, workers are scarce – especially in the city where the cost of living is higher – and day care facilities cannot find the room or staffing to expand. So, they resort to long waiting lists full of anxious parents.

City Councilor Michelle Wu and several other female councilors toured the city last year to examine all aspects of child care. Originally, she said, they started the effort to focus on the workforce in child-care, but ended up also taking a close look at cost and access for families – which was a major thing they heard at most meetings on the tour.

"One of the big findings was the City of Boston would benefit tremendously from understanding where access points are for child-care," she said. "There is not a

centralized place people can go to understand the system. The other challenge is on the regulation side. We have to know what the gaps are. There might be some families who have access, but it's more about quality or location. Other parents might be all about cost. Just starting with a centralized set of information so people know who provides it, what the cost is and what the ages are would be progress. It's a very delicate eco-system now."

And that ecosystem is exactly where Murphy and Abello found themselves not too long ago. It was like everyone was in on this secret that they didn't know about, and few besides Hediger were willing to tell them what lie ahead.

"Besides Michelle, we knew someone through Desi's sister and she was very adamant we go to a daycare to sign up very soon," said Abello. "She knew someone who had been through a nightmare similar to what we went through. It's like it's only the people who know that find their way through it. They seem to be in on this secret... It's stuff you just don't know. No one tells you when you're pregnant you should go to a daycare right away and sign up. It's unexpected unless someone lets you in on the situation."

Added Murphy, "It's tough because you don't know what to do or where to turn."

For them, the situation worked out eventually. In fact, after months of frantically looking and waiting, the call came on the day that Abello reluctantly went back to work – and the opening was in a month's time.

After a harrowing month of using family members and friends to help fill the gaps, they started taking their son to one of the centers they had hoped to get into.

Both said they felt very fortunate with their situation now, but they also said the experience they saw in the rearview mirror is very unfortunate.

"From my experience, there are a plethora of expensive options," said Hediger. "It seems like there are some options for low-income. There is not much opportunity for the middle ground. You are in a situation where you begin to understand why people move to the suburbs. It's one less thing to worry about."

Councilor Flynn calls for linkage fees to be used for child care situation

Councilor Ed Flynn has recently announced he will call for a hearing to discuss the possibility of

using linkage fees from large-scale commercial developments to fund early childhood education.

Councilor Flynn said he believes a conversation is needed to discuss ways that the city can help fund these services so that every child can have access to early childhood education, regardless of their socioeconomic status. Flynn would also like to discuss requirements to include child care services in new, large-scale developments.

Flynn said childcare is expensive and pre-kindergarten seats are limited in Boston Public Schools, making it difficult for many families to find quality and affordable

early childhood education for their children.

"I know that being able to enroll a child into Pre-K or having affordable child care is vitally important and, at the same time, difficult for many parents in our city – especially our low-income families," Councilor Flynn said. "With possible changes in linkage fees on the horizon, it's worthwhile for us to explore this as a way to help fund early childhood education, assist families in our city, and to place our children on the best path for success in school and what their future has in store."

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NEWS BRIEFS

SOWA MARKET RETURNS MAY 5

The SoWa Open Market, on 460-540 Harrison Ave., will kick-off its 16th season on Sunday, May 5. Every Sunday, from May through October, more than 175 makers and thousands of visitors converge in SoWa, amidst a vibrant backdrop of artist studios, galleries, boutiques and vintage shops.

This season will feature the return of the SoWa Beer Garden. Created in partnership with Craft Collective, a different local brewer will take over the taps each Sunday. Brewers will include Fiddlehead Brewing Company, Single-Cut Beersmiths, Finback Brewery, Banded Brewing and many more. Keep an eye out for special events and guest appearances, such as our Mother's Day rosé pop-up with The Urban Grape and our annual Oktoberfest party hosted by Schilling Beer Company. The family and pet-friendly beer garden will also feature live music, lawn games, and Boston's favorite food trucks. In addition, SoWa will continue to host a DIY Workshop series, where visitors can sign up for instructional classes led by a SoWa vendor, and will continue partnerships with local charities via collaborative activations, such as performances by Urbanity Dance, interactive painting with Artists for Humanity, a More Than Words book swap, and kick'n it with South End Soccer.

For information on weekly happenings, please visit: www.sowaboston.com/calendar/.

RED SOX SEASON OPENER

The Red Sox will kick off the season with their first home game on April 9 against the Toronto Blue Jays at 2:05pm. Other home games in the next week include:

April 11 vs. Blue Jays at 7:10pm

April 12 vs. Baltimore Orioles at 7:10pm

April 13 vs. Baltimore Orioles at 1:05pm

April 14 vs. Orioles at 1:05pm

April 15 vs. Orioles at 11:05am

BACK BAY HAPPENINGS

•Spring Fun Party! Come celebrate spring with the Friends of the Clarendon Street Playground. Join us for an egg hunt, coffee and donuts and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The fun all takes place on Sunday, April 13, at 11 a.m. in the Clarendon Street Playground. Volunteers are needed to hide eggs at 9 a.m. To help with the event, please call (617) 247-3961 or email playground@nabbonline.com.

•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 Mor-

ison 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.

•The NABB Green Committee will meet on April 10, 5:30 p.m., at The Learning Project, 107 Marlborough St. For more information on the meeting, contact green@nabbonline.com.

•The NABB Police Panel/Public Safety Forum will take place on April 25, 6 p.m., in the sanctuary of the First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough St. For more information, contact publicsafety@nabbonline.com.

•SAVE THE DATE: A NABB Homelessness Forum will take place on May 20, at 6 p.m. The discussion will focus on homelessness and how it affects the Back Bay and many neighborhoods in the city.

•First Annual Back Bay Social Club Beer Festival will take place on Sunday, April 7, from noon-3 p.m. The Back Bay Social Club is at 867 Boylston St., and the festival will include an opportunity to try 12 different beers, including several local brews.

•Hop over to Fairmont Copley Plaza on Sunday, April 21, and

SHAMSO SALON OPENS



Mayor Martin Walsh helped to open the Shamsu Hair Studio and Salon on Washington Street in the South End on March 23. The studio is Boston's first 'Ladies Only' salon. The business will help anchor the Washington Street corridor in the South End/Lower Roxbury.

celebrate Easter in a grand style this year. The Fairmont is hosting an extravagant, family-friendly brunch buffet with multiple seating options at 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. As a special treat for the little ones, children can hunt for over 1,000 Easter eggs throughout the hotel, interact with adorable farm animals from Enchanted Animal Parties, enjoy an arts n' crafts section, and get creative at a dec-

orate-your-own-cookie station. Plenty of family photo opportunities inside the luxurious setting of Fairmont Copley Plaza.

SOUTH END DATES

•The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association Executive Committee will meet on Monday, April

(NEWS BRIEFS, Pg. 14)

SELDC approves signs, doors and fences throughout the district

By Lauren Bennett

Doors, fences, and signs were common docket items at the South End Landmark District Commission (SELDC) hearing on April 2. At 194-200 Shawmut Ave., Attorney David Gottlieb and the architect for the project presented a proposal to install fencing and a dumpster enclosure on the property. He said that applicants thought they were going through the building process correctly, but the fence had actually already been installed prior to this hearing.

The architect for the project said that the new painted steel fencing had gone through a Boston Planning and Development Agency design review process and was built without a building permit, as they thought they could just build it without having to come to the SELDC prior to building. He called this fence "a big improvement" over the chain-link fence that was

there before. He also proposed a wood privacy fence for all four sides of the dumpster painted to match the light color of the guard building that is adjacent to the dumpster. The fence will have gates that swing out for pickup access.

"There would have been a lot of things different about the fence [if the correct process was followed]," Commissioner John Amodeo said. "Almost everything about the fence is wrong. We don't approve of the process that has occurred." He said that the Inspectional Services Department would have told them that they needed to come to the SELDC before granting them a building permit.

"We're going to let this slide," Amodeo said, adding that though the commission cannot regulate paint on wood, they recommend painting the privacy fence a darker color as opposed to the proposed lighter color.

The Commission approved the application as submitted with the

provisos that the dumpster fence be a darker color, and that the applicant must come back before the Commission with any other changes, including a landscape plan.

At 565 Columbus Ave., applicant Lauren Dickerman proposed to replace the existing awnings and signage to reflect her business, Harvard Square Eye Care. Dickerman said her signs would be the same size as the current awnings and sign. The design is a simple black background with white lettering, and a graphic of a pair of glasses.

"I would rather not see the glasses on the side awning; it looks a little busy," said Commissioner John Freeman. He also expressed concern that all awnings in the South End will eventually have signage on them if they keep getting approved. Commissioner Catherine Hunt said she thinks the larger glasses graphic is "busy" on the sign.

After some further discussion,

the Commission voted to approve the application as presented with the proviso that the graphics on the side panels of the awning are deleted.

At 534-536 Columbus Avenue, the applicant presented a proposal to replace a front door and a commercial door that were damaged in a fire last December, as well as restore two metal bays. He said they are looking to replace the entry door to the residential part of the building exactly as it was before. They would also like to replace the French doors to the salon in the building, but they would like to replace it with a door that is two-thirds glass and one-third panels. The repairs to the bays would be done with details matching what was there previously. There would be no decorative glass, he said. The Commission voted to approve the application as submitted.

At 571 Tremont St., architect Matthew Arnold presented a proposal for the restaurant space to

re-open what used to be an operable opening on Union Park. He said they would like to "open that back up to bring some more light into the interior of the establishment."

He offered the Commission two options for consideration. The clients' preferred one, he said, is to have swing-in operable windows that would open to the inside of the building and match the windows on the Tremont Street side. The other option just has an operable transom at the top of the window.

"I would lean towards non-operable," Amodeo said. The Commission discussed the pros and cons of each, and ultimately approved the operable transom proposal and a modified version of the operable window proposal. They said they would like to see different proportions of the panel and the base of the window so it fits in better with the district. The applicant can now choose which option would work best for the space.

Bok joins growing race for District 8 City Council seat

By Lauren Bennett

The race for District 8 City Council has become a little more crowded, with Boston native Kenzie Bok announcing her candidacy on March 29—the fourth candidate so far to run. As the Senior Advisor for Policy and Planning at the Boston Housing Authority and a lecturer of justice in housing at her alma mater Harvard University, affordable housing is high on her list of priorities. She said that the role has given her “a real lens on the challenges we face” as a city when it comes to housing. She said that she believes that many people throughout the city are worried about the displacement of people and families, and she wants to take how quality of life can be preserved.

Bok was also one of the leaders on the “Yes on 5” campaign in 2016 to bring Community Preservation Act funds to Boston. She said she’s proud to see actual projects that utilize these funds coming to life across the city.

“People and institutions have really nurtured me my whole life and I’ve grown up seeing how the fabric of every corner of the district has been affected by people, neighbors, civic leaders, and political leaders,” Bok said. “I think we need a bold and creative leadership on the council.”

She said that her life and career in Boston has shaped her vision for what she would want to accomplish as part of the Boston City Council. She said that in her role as a citizen, she’s thought about how to create new options and tools for the issues that the city faces. “Sometimes we have to look at our current resources or processes,” she said, and think about “how do we get different tools, how do we work together?”

Bok said that a main focus for city councilors is education and working to make sure that families are able to stay in the city and know that there is reliable, quality education for their children. Bok is no different—education is a main focus for her, as is addressing climate change in the city. “As the city grows, how does it grow well in ways that preserve what’s precious to Bostonians about the fabric of the city, and also preserve the precious thing of the city being a place for all?” she said.

She said one of the biggest issues to tackle is growth in the city and making sure that the quality of life is the same for all Bostonians. Transportation is another part of this growth, she said. As a T rider herself, she believes that the city council plays an important role in transportation across the city.

Bok believes she is the best candidate for District 8 because she can

bring a “youthful mix of experiences” to the role, and as a former Budget Director for City Councilor Anissa Essaibi-George, Bok believes this knowledge would help her immensely as budget oversight is an “important statutory role of the council,” she said.

“I think that I’ve been deeply embedded in the institutions of the district,” Bok said. She is also a board member at the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, as well as the chair of the Boston Ward 5 Committee. “I know first hand how important these issues are

to life in the city,” she said, and “I feel like each of those experiences has given me a tool in the toolbox that I’m excited to use in this role.”

Bok was raised in Bay Village and now lives in Beacon Hill, and said that she feels lucky to have grown up with parents and grandparents

who modeled that civic involvement was a regular part of life. “Running for council for me is about trying to make a similar contribution however I can.”

(Bok, Pg. 15)

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NEWS BRIEFS (from pg. 3)

8, at 6 p.m.

•Eight Streets Neighborhood Association will meet on Tuesday, April 9, in Project Place at 6:45 p.m. in the second floor. The program will include a talk from the Community Music Center of Boston, a ZBA application for a rear deck at 27-29 Dwight St. (Ghita Akkar), and issues around trash management.

•The East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) will meet on April 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Project Place, second floor.

•The Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) will meet on April 23 at 7 p.m.

•The South End Forum will have its quarterly meetings before the summer break on May 7 and June 11.

•Boston Center for Youth and Families has brought back its free, Family Gym time to the Blackstone

Community Center. The program is a weekly activity for children ages 3-8. It runs on Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m. This session of Family Gym will run through April 13. In the fall the program will expand to additional BCYF community centers. For updated information or program cancellations follow @BCYFCenters.

•United South End Artists will present an Art Marathon on Sunday, April 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in studios throughout the South End. Log on to USEAboston.com for details and locations.

•The South End Forum Op-ate Working Group has released its meeting schedule for Winter/Spring 2019. The group will meet at 4 p.m. in the Crosstown Hilton on April 23 and May 21.

•State Rep. Jon Santiago Office Hours: Office Hours start this Friday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m. in the

South End Library. Next Office Hours will be on Thursday, April 18, at the Dudley Street Cafe in Lower Roxbury at 10:30 a.m.

•Tuesday, April 16: Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee Meeting with Karilyn Crockett (author of People Before Highways), State Senator William Brownsberger, State Rep. Jon Santiago, and Councilor Ed Flynn. All are welcome. The meeting will be at the South End Library (685 Tremont Street). Questions? Email ward4dems@gmail.com.

•Raising Confident Kids without Controlling or Caving: Author Tracy Cutchlow will give a talk on the subject at Revolution Hotel, 5:30 p.m., on April 11 via the Ellis Memorial. R.S.V.P. by e-mailing trivera@ellismemorial.org.

•The Friends of Titus Sparrow Park will have their annual park clean up on Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. Rakes, brooms, bags and supplies will be provided by the City. Bring your own gloves.

•Josiah Quincy Elementary School 172nd Anniversary Celebration Fundraiser. Enjoy a fun-filled night with a 10-course traditional Chinese banquet, student performance, and online/live auctions. Event to be held on Wednes-

day, May 15 at Empire Garden Restaurant from 5:30-9 p.m. at 690 Washington St. Online auction items being added daily. All proceeds to fund the school pool and enrichment programs. Visit www.supportjqes.org for more information and to purchase tickets, donate, or view online auction items. Last year's event was sold out.

•USES will have continuing community conversations with its president, Maicharia Weir Lytle at the Tubman House, Weds., April 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; or on Thursday, May 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

•SAVE THE DATE: The City's Love Your Block clean-up effort for the spring will take place on Saturday, May 4, at several locations across the South End, Back Bay and Bay Village.

•MARKET TIME: The SoWa Sunday Market will have its opening day on Sunday, May 5, this spring.

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•The Fenway Victory Gardens will have their first Community Participation Day on April 20 from 10am-1pm. Beverages and snacks will be available at the start in the Butterfly/Teaching Garden.

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,

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TOUR (from pg. 6)

plimentary post-tour reception for ticket holders will be held at the Hampshire House from 3-5 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit Beacon Hill Village, a non-profit membership organization that has been changing the experience of growing older for downtown Boston residents age 50+ since

2002 through cultural, social and wellness programs, access to expert information, resources and support, and opportunities for community engagement. To purchase tickets in advance, or for more information on BHV, visit www.beaconhillvillage.org or call 617.723.9713.

For the Record

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE HEARING:

Order for an April 8 hearing at noon to analyze patron safety in nightlife settings. The Chair of the Committee is Councilor McCarthy and the sponsor is Councilor Essaibi-George.

COMMUNITY MEETING FOR PROPOSED BACK BAY MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT:

There will be a community outreach meeting for a proposed marijuana establishment on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. The Proposed Marijuana Establishment is anticipated to be located at 829 Boylston St. (next door to the Apple Store).

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS HEARING:

The subject of the April 9 hearing is: Order for a Hearing Regarding Enforcement of the Boston Trust Act, 10 a.m. The Chair of the Committee and the Sponsor of the matter is Councilor Josh Zakim.

From the April 9 Licensed Premise Violations hearing, 10 a.m., City Hall:

- Boston Ballroom Corporation, d/b/a: Royale
Location: 279 Tremont St., Bay Village.
Date: 04/09/2019, Assault and battery staff on patron.
- Baseball Tavern, Inc., d/b/a: Baseball Tavern
Location: 1270 Boylston St., Fenway.
Date: 11/21/2018, Overcrowding in basement level 122 found on mechanical count. (Licensed capacity of 106).

From the April 10 Back Bay Architectural Commission, 4:30 p.m., City Hall: VIOLATIONS- 4:30pm

- 205 Newbury St.: Unapproved umbrellas at lower level commercial space.
- 130 Newbury St.: Unapproved neon lighting at lower level retail space.
- 244 Newbury St.: Unapproved umbrella attached to railing.
- 335 Newbury St.: Unapproved electronic signage.
- 247 Newbury St.: Unapproved freestanding sign.
- 359 Boylston St.: Unapproved piping, wiring and conduit at rear elevation.
- Fairfield Street: Unapproved vent at sidewalk.

DESIGN REVIEW - 5 p.m.

- 545 Boylston St.: Temporary installation of public artwork mural.
- 827-829 Boylston St.: At front façade remove paint and repair masonry, and reno-

vate upper and lower storefronts; and at rear elevation modify sidewalk and entry doors for wheelchair access.

•569 Boylston St.: At front façade install bump-out at first story, signage and patio dining area, and replace second and third-story windows; at rear elevation replace all windows; and at roof install elevator headhouse, three new air-handling units and exhaust vents.

•235 Newbury St.: At Newbury Street façade install security cameras; modify existing unapproved west entrance canopy and add similar canopy at east entry; install rooftop planters, signage and speakers above west and east entrances; and increase size of first-story window east of the west entry.

•272 Marlborough St.: At front garden remove existing Norway Maple tree and plant a flowering tree in its place.

•431 Beacon St.: Replace 21 non-historic vinyl windows with one-over-one wood windows.

•150 Beacon St.: At rear of property install electric vehicle charging station and protective bollards.

ADVISORY REVIEW

•142 Beacon Street; 150 Beacon Street; 315 Beacon Street Unit 5; 381 Beacon Street, 445 Beacon Street, Unit 1; 457 Beacon Street, Unit 4; 483 Beacon Street: Unit 93; 492 Beacon Street; 511 Beacon Street; 579, 581, 583 Boylston Street; 66 Commonwealth Avenue; 390 Commonwealth Avenue Unit 302; 109 Marlborough Street; 257 Marlborough Street; 288 Marlborough Street; 379 Marlborough Street; 393 Marlborough Street; 435 Marlborough Street; 129 Newbury Street; 206-208 Newbury Street; 218 Newbury Street; 255 Newbury Street; 303 Newbury Street; 324 Newbury Street.

COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION HEARING:

Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) in the form of a grant awarded by MCAF Winthrop, LLC pursuant to the 115 Winthrop Square Redevelopment Project Cooperation Agreement. The Purpose of the grant is to fund a bus rapid transit plan as described in the project's Transportation Access Plan Agreement. April 11, noon, City Hall.

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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.

JOSIAH QUINCY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

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BOK (from pg. 13)

Endorsed by Rep. Livingston

State Rep. Jay Livingston announced on April 3 that he is endorsing Kenzie Bok for City Council. "Kenzie is highly knowledgeable of the issues that affect Boston today, such as rising housing costs, the relationships between public and private institutions, the significance of the historic nature of our neighborhoods, and the need to always understand the balances among the various communities who call Boston home," Livingstone said in a press release.

"When you combine that knowledge with Kenzie's history of community involvement, whether it be supporting ballot initiatives and candidates or other causes, Kenzie's background is perfect to be the next Boston City Councilor for the district I call home."

The endorsement comes less than a week after Bok announced her candidacy and in the lead up to her first campaign event on April 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Lir Restaurant in the Back Bay. It also follows a strong first weekend of campaign fundraising. For more information

on the campaign and Kenzie's background, visit www.FriendsofKenzieBok.com.

"I really admire Rep. Livingstone's thoughtful embrace of policy detail and his tireless advocacy for the benefit of our neighborhoods, the citizens of Boston, and all people in Massachusetts," Bok said. "I am honored to earn his support. I look forward to working with Jay from our shared progressive values and standing alongside him at the community meetings and events where he is such a consistent, visible, and effective presence."

LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Vending Machine Concession The Massachusetts Port Authority (the "Authority"), owner and operator of Boston - Logan International Airport (the "Airport") is issuing a Request for Proposals (the "RFP") from established and responsible business entities that have demonstrated expertise in the execution and management of vending machine concession programs. The Selected Respondent(s) shall have the non-exclusive rights, privileges and duties of a concessionaire of the Vending Machine Concession, as further defined in the RFP and the Vending Machine Concession

Agreement, and shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of vending machines at employee and select public locations at Boston-Logan International Airport (including in the Airport Terminals, the Airport Cargo Properties, the Rental Car Center, the Limo Pool and Taxi Pool locations, and the Logan Office Center), L.G. Hanscom Field, Boston Fish Pier, Flynn Cruiseport Boston, and Logan Express sites (Braintree, Peabody, and Framingham). The Term of the Vending Machine Concession Agreement shall be for a period of five (5) years, commencing on November 1, 2019. The Authority will conduct a Pre-Submission Conference

on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Terminal C Briefing Room, 2nd Floor Old Tower, Boston-Logan International Airport, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909. To confirm attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference please complete the RSVP form located on the Massport website at www.massport.com as early as possible and no later than 12:00 noon Eastern Time on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. For any questions related to the RFP, please call (617) 561-1662 or email Mr. Joseph Schirripa at jschirripa@massport.com. Proposals must be received by the Authority at or prior

to 12:00 noon Eastern Time on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the office of Mr. Michael Grieco, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 200S, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. The Authority is soliciting competitive proposals pursuant to a determination that such a process best serves the interests of the Authority and the general public and not because of any legal requirement to do so. The Authority reserves right to accept or to reject any or all proposals, for any reason, to withdraw or amend the RFP at anytime, to initiate negotiations with one or more Respondents,

to modify or amend with the consent of the Respondent any proposal prior to acceptance, to waive any informality and to effect any agreement otherwise, to re-issue this RFP without change or modification thereto, to issue a subsequent RFP with terms and conditions that are substantially different than those set forth in the RFP, or to cancel the RFP without issuing another RFP, all as the Authority, in its sole judgment, may deem to be in its best interest. Copies of the RFP may be obtained on the Authority's website at www.massport.com.

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VICTIMIZED VALET

On Saturday, March 23, at around 6:45 p.m., police responded to the Fairmont Copley Plaza hotel at 138 St. James Ave. for an assault and battery in progress.

On arrival, the officer spoke to the victim, a doorman who said he was assisting a guest at the front door when the two suspects pulled into the valet area and exited a red Toyota Yaris with New Jersey license plates. When the doorman asked the suspect if they wanted their car valeted, they ignored him and walked into the hotel.

The victim followed the suspects inside to inform them there was a fee to park, and that he would need their keys. At this time, the suspects refused to pay while dangling their keys in front of the victim's face.

The first suspect then struck the victim, knocking his glasses to the ground and cutting him below his left eye.

Both suspects then ran towards their car as the victim tried to stop them.

The first suspect was able to access the vehicle via the passenger's sider and began to drive on St. James Avenue towards Huntington Avenue.

The second suspect ran in the same direction before the first suspect presumably picked her up.

The hotel has images of the suspect from its surveillance cameras, which they will provide to police.

Paramedics responded to the scene, but the victim declined

medical attention at this time.

UNWELCOME GUESTS

On Monday, March 25, at approximately 9:05 a.m., officers responded to a radio call for two suspects trespassing at 75 Peeterborough St.

Upon arrival, police spoke to the property manager, who there has been an ongoing issue with homeless individuals entering the building. He then escorted officers to the top of the seventh floor, where the two suspects were observed sleeping.

Police then conducted background checks of both suspects and determine that one of them had two active warrants – one out of Dedham District Court for one count each of possession of Class A and B drugs and two counts of a Class E drugs.

The suspect's second active warrant was issued out of West Roxbury District Court for possession of heroin.

He was placed under arrest for the two warrants, in addition to trespassing, while the second suspect was also charged with trespassing.

Both suspect were subsequently transported to District 4 headquarters, where they were charged in the usual manner.

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