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MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT PUERTO RICAN VETS MONUMENT



State Rep. Jon Santiago, Capt. Zoraida de la Rosa, Councilor Michelle Wu, and Councillor Ed Flynn laying the wreath in front of the Puerto Rican Veterans Monument. See more photos on Pages 4 and 5.

Statement Statue: Puerto Rican Veterans Memorial only male and female war memorial in the country

By Seth Daniel

On the corner of Washington Street and West Dedham, one can see the striking statue of a male and female soldier striding bravely together into battle.

It's the only place in America where one can find such a war memorial.

The six-year-old statue designed by Bob Shure of Skylight Studios for the Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Square Association is still the only war memorial that represents both genders equally.

It is a point that the Association holds proudly.

And something that Shure is also very proud of.

"It makes it a very unique piece," said Shure. "Most other war memorials depict men in action or just all men...The are meant to be universal figures and represent the world of the past, present and future."

When he was commissioned to

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State Officials: Shattuck will not be turned back to green space

By Seth Daniel

State cabinet officials from the Department of Health and Human Services said that there was no way that the current Shattuck Hospital site in Jamaica Plain would be turned over to green, open space – something that the powerful Emerald Necklace Conservancy has been calling for lately.

At a meeting of the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) on Tuesday, Lauren Peters – assistant secretary for Health and Human Services –

said that call for open space on the Shattuck is not going to be successful.

When asked by WSANA Vice President Bob Minnocci if they would be successful, Peters unequivocally said, "No."

"I will say that the Emerald Necklace Conservancy have been advocating for the Commonwealth to restore the Shattuck 13-acres back to the City so it can become park space," she said. "This is a push from a subset around the table. It's a small subset that would like to see it restored to park space.

I don't see how that could happen when we have a real epidemic on our hands and needs have to be met. It's a once in a lifetime chance the Commonwealth has this land to develop and the City has Long Island. We need to put these together to meet the needs of general healthcare and the opioid epidemic."

She said most of those in the planning process and around the table of those appointed to study uses for the current Shattuck have universally agreed that health and

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BLC approves changes at Fenway Park, improvements at Arlington Street Church

By Lauren Bennett

Both the Arlington Street Church and Fenway Park came before the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) on May 28 with proposals to make changes to the properties.

FENWAY PARK

The BLC heard a somewhat controversial proposal for Fenway Park. As part of the Fenway Park Improvements project that includes the proposed Fenway Theater, the Red Sox proposed to remove six rows of bleacher seats to create a flat deck for bleachers fans to access a new concessions and restrooms area. The BLC voted to approve the proposal with the proviso that they will have continued review for this piece of the improvement project.

According to architect Chuck Izzo, the removal of these rows will cause the park to lose about 350 seats. "We've been looking at doing something with this portion of the bleachers for 10-15 years," Izzo said. He said that while it's "always been on the agenda," there has been a reluctance to do

anything until we had a project for the area, which is now the Fenway Theater and the function space that will sit on the triangle of land adjacent to the ballpark. The proposed theater would not be seen at all from inside the park, so it will not be blocking any skyline views, Izzo said.

"This has always been part of the plan, if you will," Izzo said. These changes to the bleacher area will better serve the fans in these seats, as there is currently no close concession/restroom area for these fans. Izzo said that a younger fan base is looking for these types of spaces as well.

Dan Wilson from the group Save Fenway Park said that the Red Sox have saved Fenway Park "and done a better job than I could have imagined," but "this is a change which is considerable," he said. He said these changes would not just affect a small number of fans, but since they would be visible from the entire park, he had some concerns.

Alison Frazee, Assistant Director at the Boston Preservation Alli-

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PARTY IN THE PARK



PHOTO BY MIKE MEJIA

Pamela Humphrey, Leslie-Jon Vickory, and Kahlil Hamady during the Emerald Necklace Conservancy's Party in the Park fundraiser on Wednesday, May 15, in Franklin Park. The annual event returned for its 16th year at the park, raising money for the 1,100 acres of meadows, woodlands and paths designed by Frederick Law Olmstead. See more photos on Pages 8 and 9.

EDITORIAL

FINALLY, SOME GOOD NEWS

ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL FRONT

Every few weeks -- or even more often, it seems -- we learn of some new, looming catastrophe for our planet because of the combined effects of climate change and the degradation of our environment by human activity.

Everyone agrees that the climate is changing, and that it will have far-reaching consequences that we only can imagine. So too, the activity by the seven billion persons with whom we share the earth is destroying the natural world at an unprecedented and ever-accelerating pace.

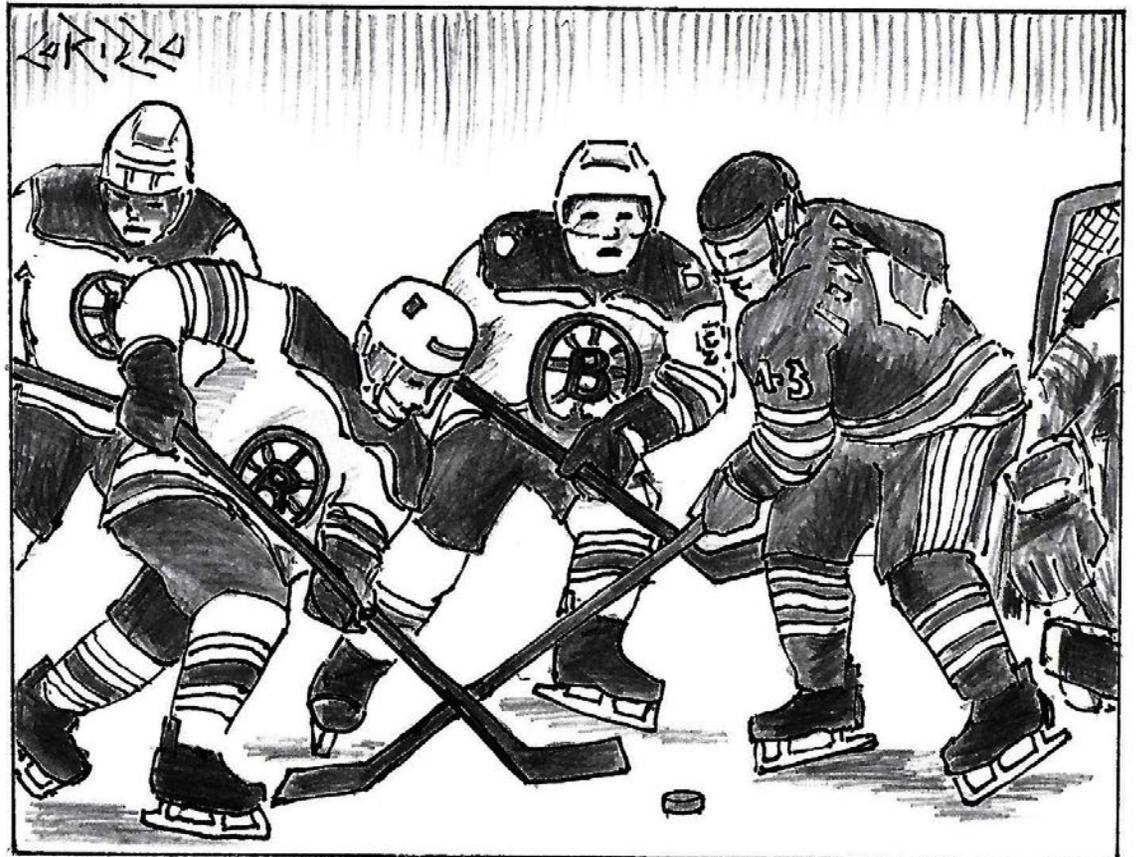
So it was with some degree of relief that we read the annual report by the organization Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, which informed us that our major metropolitan beaches never have been cleaner (in terms of water pollution) and safer for recreational swimming and other activity.

As lifelong residents of this area, we always are amazed that the beaches with the cleanest water every year are the M Street Beach and the City Point Beach in South Boston -- go figure -- but we're sure there is a logical and scientific-based reason for why these two beaches have achieved ratings of 100-percent for the past six years. However, almost all of our metropolitan beaches, from Nantasket Beach on the South Shore to Revere and Winthrop beaches on the north, improved their ratings in 2018 compared to their six-year running-average. Winthrop Beach, for example, attained a 100-percent rating in 2018 compared to a 97-percent rate for the previous five years.

There are many factors that contribute to a beach's water quality. There are natural effects, most notably the amount of rainfall over the course of a season or over a short time period. The diligence of government agencies at the state and local levels in assuring that sewer connections are working as intended are a vital part of the equation. We as individuals also play a key role in assuring that our water stays clean by making sure we don't dispose of our trash and hazardous waste into our waterways, by using the pump-out services for our boats, and by picking-up after our dogs.

The clean and healthy beaches that we enjoy today are the product of three decades of hard work, effort, and great expense by officials and the residents of the Boston Metro area. However, we cannot rest on our laurels. We must commit ourselves to doing whatever it takes in the years ahead to ensure that our region's greatest resource -- our beautiful coastline -- remains clean and useable both for ourselves and for generations to come.

So we wish to thank Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for issuing their annual report card on the state of our beaches -- and for giving us some good news, for a change, about our environment.



STANLEY CUP FEVER - BRUINS ARE HOT TO WIN

BOB SHURE (from pg. 1)

design the Square and the statue, Shure said he began doing research on the history of Puerto Ricans in the military and found participa-

tion from men and women. He wanted that represented in the statue, and the Association agreed. "When I first started working

on designs I read the history of the Puerto Rican contribution to the armed forces," he said. "After the research, I wanted it to represent two soldiers of each gender -- a man and a woman -- walking out equally into battle. I also used contemporary uniforms that could be universal...I presented it to the Board to see what they thought and they loved it and thought it was wonderful. We went with it."

The statue is cast bronze and was two years in the making.

It was accompanied by the hardscape that is there, made of Canadian Mahogany granite -- with both of them replacing what was just a pile of rubble when the area was named 20 years ago.

Though a plaque was the only thing there for some time, Shure said he was honored that the Association thought enough of him to use his designs and keep in contact with him after the 2013 opening.

Since that time, he has also designed the new archway over the front of the Memorial, and other added aspects to the Square also.

"I'm honored to have created the statue and also at having been taken in by the Puerto Rican community as family," he said. "They're just great people. I hope the community and neighborhood preserve this statue the way it is and keep it up and understand what it represents."



Even in a time that highlights the roles of women, Puerto Rican Veterans Monument in the South End is still the only war memorial in the country to represent men and women. Designer Bob Shure said that was exactly what he was going for when he conceived it with the Association in 2013.

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BPDA and Abbey Group seek feedback for Exchange South End community benefit space

By Lauren Bennett

As part of the redevelopment of The Flower Exchange site in the South End, which will include office space, lab space, accessible open space, ground floor retail, and other uses, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held two Open Houses to solicit feedback from the public about what they would like to see for the 30,000 square feet of community benefit space that the Abbey Group, the developer for the project, must provide.

On May 15, an open house was held in the vacant Flower Exchange building on Albany Street. The 30,000 square feet of community benefit space must be used, as per zoning, for an “existing or start-up commercial use or a not-for profit artistic cultural use,” according to Gerald Autler of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). The Abbey Group must provide this space in exchange for the density bonus that they were

granted to build this project, Autler added.

Autler said that the description of what the space must be used for is “not very precise,” but he thinks it’s a good thing because there are lots of different options. “We want input from the neighborhood about what within those basic parameters would be really exciting,” he said.

The open house was mainly for people to come in and fill out a survey of what they would like to see in the space, but Audrey Reny of the Abbey Group and Autler were there to answer any questions people had.

Several South End artists came with concerns about the rising prices of artist space throughout the city, and felt it was important to maintain space for artists in the South End, as the area has been a place where artists have settled.

“Everybody’s excited about the same basic categories,” Autler said, adding that a priority for him is to make sure whatever programming happens in the space

serves “as broad of a cross section of the neighborhood as possible.” For example, he said, should it be used as a studio space for artists, it should also allow everyone in the neighborhood to come in and learn how to create art alongside professional artists, as well as offer other opportunities for the community to participate as well.

“Whatever the model ends up being, I think that’s kind of a fundamental principle for me, that this should be something that everybody in the neighborhood, no matter what their income level, no matter what their experience or background or profession should be able to come and utilize [the space],” Autler said.

One resident had concerns about traffic and congestion in the area both during construction and once the project is complete. Autler said that in the community meetings held so far, “there were lots of discussions about this.” He said traffic studies are available for view on the BPDA website, and

“we spent a year and a half talking about that with representatives with the neighborhood.”

“We are looking at a redesign of Albany Street that would much better accommodate a wider range of modes (of transportation),” Autler said, “so protected bicycle facilities on both sides, better sidewalks, but also exclusive bus lanes so that would allow for the possibility of more efficient bus service connecting to the red line at Broadway...” to help the new development be better connected to public transportation overall, he said.

Kristen Struebing-Beazley, a 30-year South End resident and visual artist, said that some purposes she would not like to see the space used for are things like health and wellness and social enterprise. “We have a lot of these agencies here,” she said, referring to things like addiction services. “My husband is a surgeon; I’m aware of all the needs we have, but I would rather not see that come into this situation,” she said.

“But I would like whatever cultural activity occurs, which could be mixed arts, [to] be available,” she said. “If I were to put in an independent film theater that had art film, I would give passes to the homeless...” She believes the programming should serve the neighborhood, “but it should be quality.”

Another concern Struebing-Beazley has is recognition of older artists. “I’m an older artist, obviously, and I think...people who worked for many years are not being considered anymore,” she said. She said she would like to see arts interaction—possibly between performing and visual arts—that could be curated by experienced independent curators “who know how to think about that.”

Audrey Reny of the Abbey Group said that over 330 people have filled out the survey so far, and they are still looking for more community feedback about what would be the best use of the space for the neighborhood. The survey can be found on the BPDA website for the project.

FENWAY CHANGES (from pg. 1)

ance, said that the Boston Preservation Alliance has been engaged with this project and has met with the team a few times. “Overall, I think we are supportive with the larger project,” she said. She said that the team has “been very sensitive” to concerns, and she realizes that the use of the ballpark is changing and people are enjoying other things, as well as baseball Fenway Park. “We are still talking with them about the different aspects of this,” she said, and the remaining concern is the view of the city skyline from different parts of the park, but she does realize that the skyline itself is also changing and will continue to change over time.

Erika Darlin of Save Fenway Park said that she doesn’t “want to belittle the loss of those seats,” as she believes the bleacher area has been well served and is not as neglected of an area as it is being made out to be in this proposal.

The Red Sox project team said they believe the visual connection is important for the concession area in this project.

“There’s more than one way to look at Fenway Park and its design,” Commissioner Brad Walker said. “The joy and the beauty of Fenway is that its a quirky old park in the middle of the city,” and he said that he is in favor of changing the park to meet the changing demands of the fans.

“Views in and out of the ballpark change,” he said. “I’m in favor of making adjustments, even fairly serious adjustments to the ballpark and not treating every little bit of it as precious.”

“I don’t have a problem with the change,” Commissioner David Berarducci said. “I don’t like removing those seats; those are the most affordable seats.” Berarducci said he wanted to see if there was a way to keep “at least a few more rows of bleachers” by raising the patio area higher.

“This ballpark is the most expensive ballpark to attend,” he said. Losing that experience of making baseball accessible to people who can’t afford the more expensive tickets is something he was concerned about.

“There’s nothing cast in stone about where the ticket pricing boundaries are,” Izzo said. He said that though it is not his decision, “it is certainly possible” that they cheaper prices could be moved down into other rows.

The Commission was also concerned that they would not have a chance to weigh in on the other portion of the project (the theater and other aspects that are not on the ballpark property), but Todd Satter, staff for the BLC, said that the Boston Planning and Development Agency would be reviewing this and would invite him to weigh

in on that.

“We will consider ways to continue dialogue,” said David Friedman, Senior Vice President, Legal and Government Affairs for the Red Sox. Izzo said that they are going through the Article 80 process right now and still drawing plans for the project. They are looking to start construction after this season.

ARLINGTON ST. CHURCH

The Arlington Street Church at 351 Boylston St. is undergoing several changes, including work regarding accessibility, but for this particular proposal, the team was looking to get approval for the restoration of the Boylston Street stairs and the installation of landscape plantings, a footpath, and curbstone. Adam Wylie of Mayhew PMC said they are hoping to remove the three magnolia trees on Boylston Street, as they are currently shading the historic windows of the church and obscuring the elevation. They are also “not historic or characteristic,” he added. They also hope to clean up and plant interim plantings on Boylston Street, as they are hesitant to create any permanent landscaping when scaffolding will be going up to make improvements to the building.

Wylie also said they are looking at installing irrigation lines on

Arlington St. as well as plantings and planter boxes. Other clean-up projects include stabilizing the stair foundations, moving stones to the stair/walk area during stone inventory, and removing a plywood fence along with other debris.

The projects landscape architect said that the interim plantings will include removing the planter boxes but leafing the turf and perennials in place, as well as adding self-seeding annuals and topsoil as needed. These will be hand-irrigated only. They would like to replace the planter boxes with AZEK PVC boxes.

The plantings along Arlington Street would be “soft planting that’s continuous around this edge,” the landscape architect said. They were concerned about creating a place where people could hide, so most of the plants have a low profile, focusing on perennials and grasses. “We do want to use color,” he said.

BLC Commissioner Brad Walker

said that he felt like this landscape was very modern “in terms of geometry and plant selection” and wanted to know how it related to the historic context of the building, since the church is from the 1840s.

The landscape architect said part of the design was “connecting the historic church to the modern city around it.”

Commissioner David Berarducci said that he did not have “a lot of opposition to the design,” though he feels that “these types of gardens look lousy unless they are well tended to.”

The design team said that there will be volunteers who will maintain the plantings.

The BLC approved the design with the proviso that a formal report be given to the commission in two years about how the design has worked, as well as they must find different planters that have more of a formal look to them.

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Honored Alleyway: Puerto Rican veterans, Walsh get street designated to historic regiment

By Seth Daniel

When it comes to surprises, Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Square Association President Tony Molina always has something up his sleeve when it comes to improving the veterans memorial on Washington Street in the South End.

However, on Memorial Day this week, it was Mayor Martin Walsh and Molina that had a surprise for the Memorial Day crowd – an alleyway behind the memorial being dedicated to the vaunted and historic 65th Infantry Regiment predominately made up of Puerto

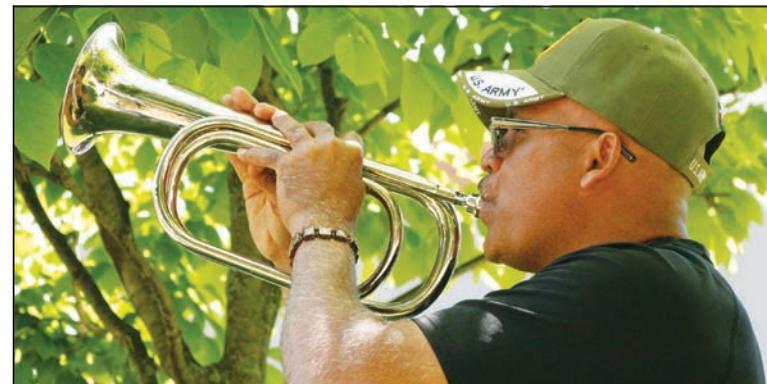
Ricans.

“Today, we have one more surprise,” said Mayor Walsh. “This summer is going to be the 20th anniversary of the dedication of this monument square and today we are naming the alleyway behind it after the 65th Infantry Regiment. This is one more way to honor the men and women who gave their lives for the country. This designation isn’t because of me or any elected officials. It’s there because of one veteran who grew up in Puerto Rico and made Boston his home. I’d like to thank Tony Molina for his advocacy.”

The new designation is prompt-



Tony Molina, Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Square Association president, addressing the crowd.



Master Sgt. Guillermo Candelario playing ‘Taps’ on the bugle.



Shown left, the sign commemorating the 65th Infantry Regiment Way adjacent to Monument Square and the Blackstone School.

ed by signs at either end of the alleyway, which is adjacent to the Blackstone School and behind the Puerto Rican Veterans Monument.

When announced, it took most of the crowd on hand by surprise, with some gasping at the announcement, and a healthy round of applause given after it was official. Signs had already been placed prior to the ceremony,

but few noticed them until it was announced.

The 65th Infantry Regiment is nicknamed ‘The Borinqueneers’ based on the original native name for Puerto Rico, which is Borinquen. The regiment was formed by an Army appropriation bill in 1898, which authorized the creation of a body of native troops on the island. It became organized

in 1901 and incorporated into the regular U.S. Army. They were first activated in 1917 to serve in Panama. They also served in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the War on Terror.

It was one of the first units deployed at the outset of the Korean War, and in 2016 the Infantry was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

The announcement came during the regular Memorial Day Exercises at the Monument, a ceremony that has grown in popularity year after year and attracts numerous elected officials from across the City.

Sgt. Gumersindo Gomez, president of the Vietnam Veterans,

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took time to call for an end to the unequal treatment of Puerto Rican veterans living on the island. He said the continue to not get the same benefits that are given to those living in the states.

“I saw three of my friends go down and there’s not a day in my life I don’t forget those three Puerto Rican kids,” he said. “One went down on the day his wife was in labor with their child. These three

gave their lives – they gave everything. Yet, still, it’s okay for us to die or get wounded in battle, but it’s not okay for us to vote for the Commander in Chief that sends us into battle. Nor do we have a senator or representative in Congress... That is the battle. The vets who choose to live in Puerto Rico should get the same benefits that we do here in the U.S. Yet they do not. We have to all fight for that right for them.”

This year, as well, Molina said there was something new in that the Encore Boston Harbor casino agreed to support the Association and its efforts.

“It’s not the quantity of the donation,” he said. “The importance is they thought of us and wanted to support the Puerto Rican Veterans Square Monument Association.”

The Association will celebrate its 20th year this July.



Association President Tony Molina welcomes former Mayor Ray Flynn, who was helpful at the beginning of the Association’s efforts many years ago.



Efrain Diaz Jr. shows off the cover that was on the memorial brick added for his father, Sgt. Efrain Diaz. The Association is continuing to sell memorial bricks at the Square for a donation of between \$250-500.



Mayor Martin Walsh announced that the alleyway behind the Square was being named for the 65th Infantry Regiment.



Deputy Supt. Felipe Colon and Commissioner Willie Gross saluting the flag.

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Peters, Charles	Consortium LLC	416 Marlborough St #702	\$1,120,000
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Mahboobi, Sobail	McGarry, Stephen J	2 Hawthorne Pl #14B	\$435,000
SOUTH END/ KENMORE/ BAY VILLAGE			
Bayside T LLC	Farrell, Natalija	9 Appleton St #M2	\$625,000
Prasad, Tara L	Peterman, Caitlin	88 Chandler St #2	\$770,000
Pattullo, Elizabeth	Iannetta, Laura	505 Tremont St #608	\$2,500,000
DeAlmeida-Alves, Nuno	Ambrosino, Jonathan E	223 W Newton St #3	\$555,000
Kebir, Nadjim	Dwyer, Gary M	63 Burbank St #18	\$350,000
Prasad, Tara L	Peterman, Caitlin	88 Chandler St #2	\$770,000
Lathrop, Keith C	Anderson, William	10 Charlesgate E #2	\$599,000
Clymer, Jeffrey	Dalpe, Jean N	528 Columbus Ave #2	\$2,095,000
Dardeno, Paul D	377 Commonwealth Ave LLC	377 Commonwealth Ave #6	\$511,500
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Pattullo, Elizabeth	Iannetta, Laura	505 Tremont St #608	\$2,500,000
DeAlmeida-Alves, Nuno	Ambrosino, Jonathan E	223 W Newton St #3	\$555,000
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Encore Boston Harbor President Bob DeSalvio showing off the framed photograph of the Memorial given to him by the Association. This year, Encore helped to sponsor the event.

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Motor Mart Garage project team unveils planned streetscape improvements

By Dan Murphy

Members of the team behind the proposed redevelopment of the Motor Mart Garage outlined planned refinements to the streetscape during a city-sponsored meeting on Tuesday, May 28, at the Revere Hotel.

An affiliate of the Los Angeles-based CIM Group and Boston Global Investors intend to redevelop the eight-story existing garage at 201 Stuart St. into a mixed-use building with new condominium units located within the western portion of the existing structure, as well as additional units within a new 20-story residential tower that would sit atop of the existing structure. All together, the project would create 306 new residential units, and retain approximately 46,000 square feet of restaurant space and retail space, as well as 672 of the 1,037 existing parking spaces. The project would also include a new basement-level space

at Columbus Avenue and Church Street designed to accommodate a supermarket.

Phil Casey principal of Boston's CBT Architects, said the city is planning to reconfigure Stuart Street, eliminating parallel parking while creating two travel lanes, a parking lane and a dedicated bike lane there.

Casey said the developer would make enhancements in accordance with the Boston Complete Streets initiative, which intends to make city streets more accessible for all modes of transportation, at Stuart Street, as well as on Park Plaza and Charles Street South.

On Columbus Avenue, a crosswalk would be added via the creation of a "bump out" while the loading area would be relocated inside, thereby creating around 8 square feet of new greenspace.

Casey said the project also includes plans to transform Church Street into a "shared street" by raising the street and making it a



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An artist's rendering of the proposed Motor Mart Garage redevelopment project.

pick-up and drop-off point.

Construction on the project isn't expected to get underway for at least 12 months, members of the

design team said.

Public comments on this project can be submitted until June 7; to submit comments and for more

information on the project, visit <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/motor-mart-garage>.

Mayor Walsh announces New Philanthropic endeavor for the Boston Public Library

Staff Report

Mayor Walsh announced the launch of the Fund for the Boston Public Library, a new philanthropic endeavor created to support, sustain, and strengthen the Boston Public Library system across all 26 branches. At the event, Mayor Walsh announced a founding investment of \$2.8 million to build the Fund,

generously provided by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Barr Foundation, The Boston Foundation, Liberty Mutual Foundation, State Street Foundation, Inc. and more.

"Carved in stone on the Library's façade, it says that the Boston Public Library was built by the people of Boston to improve the public good through knowledge and education," said Mayor Walsh. "The

Fund for the Boston Public Library will generate the resources needed to ensure that the entire library system operates at the highest level possible, meets the needs of every person and community in Boston, and remains free to all."

Mayor Walsh also announced that Jeff Hawkins, Deputy Managing Partner of Bain Capital Credit and recently appointed as one of the newest Trustees of the Library, will serve as chair of the Fund's newly formed board of directors and that Mary Flynn Myers, with 35 years of development experience in Greater Boston, including at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and the Campaign for Catholic Schools, will serve as the Fund's executive director. In that capacity, Myers will also serve as a member of Library President David Leonard's leadership team.

"With the great fortune of having one of the leading public libraries in the country also comes a great responsibility," said Ronald P. O'Hanley, president and CEO of State Street and co-chair of the upcoming inaugural gala event for the Fund. "It is imperative that both the public and private sectors provide the resources needed to continue - and improve - the important educational, civic, and cultural services the Boston Public Library makes available to the people of Boston and the Commonwealth. The Fund for the Boston Public Library builds on the tradition established at the very founding of the Boston Public Library and creates the opportunity for all

of us - the private sector, corporate and foundation support, and individuals alike - to contribute to the Boston Public Library's mission."

The City of Boston provides significant resources to the Library - including a \$127 million investment from Mayor Walsh's FY20-24 Capital Plan which includes funding for the construction of a new Adams Street Branch of the Boston Public Library, the renovation of the Roslindale branch, and programming studies for the West End and Codman Square branches. It also includes funding for the completion of the renovation of the Dudley branch and the programming study for a new Fields Corner branch, and a renovation project at the Central Library to enhance preservation of historic special collections of rare books and manuscripts.

Walsh noted that additional resources are needed to operate the Library at the highest level possible to benefit the public. To raise the needed resources, Mayor Walsh and the Boston Public Library's Board of Trustees have charged the Fund with focusing on four strategic areas:

- Programming and services that bring energy and excitement to all of the Library's inspirational spaces;
- Innovative investments in technology and digital offerings to ensure the Library's continued position as a national and international leader;
- Restoration of the historic McKim building to ensure greater access to, engagement with, and appreciation of both its architecture and the services and collec-

tions within;

- Care of, and increased and improved access to, the Library's world-renowned special collections.

"As we look to bridge the equity gaps and digital divides that challenge our city, the Boston Public Library system - from its majestic McKim and dynamic Johnson buildings to its 25 branches throughout Boston - serves as an important part of our civic infrastructure, increasing equity in each community as it provides high-quality educational, social, and cultural enrichment for free to the public," said Jeff Hawkins, the new Chair of the Fund, "The Fund will sustain and preserve for future generations the Library's role as one of Boston's major cultural and educational institutions."

An inaugural fundraising gala event co-hosted by the Fund and the Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center will be held at the Library on June 7. At the gala, Mayor Walsh will receive the Bates Medal for his work and accomplishments in improving the public education of Boston's schoolchildren and making Boston a more equitable city.

The Fund for the Boston Public Library serves as a successor to the Boston Library Foundation, which provided strategic and effective investments in the Library's major efforts that significantly improved the Library's ability to utilize its spaces, develop programming, and care for its special collections.





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RED SOX HOME GAMES

The Red Sox kicked off the home season this month. Other upcoming home games include:

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BACK BAY HAPPENINGS

•**SAVE THE DATE:** A NABB Homelessness Forum will take place on June 17 at 6 p.m. The discussion will focus on homelessness and how it affects the Back Bay and many neighborhoods in the city.

SOUTH END DATES

•The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a community conversation with the at-large candidate for Boston City Council on Tuesday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology, 41 Berkeley St. The forum will be moderated by Michael Jonas, of Commonwealth Magazine. Doors open at 6 p.m.

•What is dubbed the “real”

party for the South End Community Health Center’s 50th anniversary by organizers will be held at St. Stephen’s Church on Saturday, June 8, at 2 p.m. The “real” party is being organized by the original founders of the health center, such as Dr. Gerald Hass and others like Divina Masso. The party, they said, will be a great way to remember history and thank all of those that have made it such a success.

It is also being sponsored by the

Greater Boston Young Democrats, the Ward 4 Democratic Committee and the Ward 5 Democratic Committee.

•The South End Forum cancelled its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, May 7, but will be back in action on June 4. The agenda will include a discussion by New Boston Ventures for the USES redevelopment; as well as a discussion

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recovery uses should be targeted.

The Conservancy made its call in a letter at the end of April for the Shattuck to be returned to open space, and the state to investigate using the Arborway MBTA Yard in JP for the recovery uses. They had become upset because an original plan for 200,000 square feet of uses had now become 600,000 square feet.

Their position upset many in the South End, who have been promised some re-positioning of existing human services to the Shattuck site in exchange for accepting the hospital at the Newton Pavilion in the South End.

With the Conservancy’s call, and their powerful allies, some in the South End had been concerned they could get another new hospital and no relief.

Peters said that isn’t the case.

“We know the South End is disproportionately impacted by services,” she said. “We knew it was important for the South End to have a voice at the table and represent the interests of the South End.”

She said they are even exploring expanding existing Methadone programs at Shattuck to help ease the burden of such services that exist in the WASANA area.

“We are exploring options,” she said. “Methadone is very challenging because it is very highly regulated by the federal government. We are looking at expanding what exists in JP. I’m not going to guarantee that, but we are exploring that.”

Beyond that, many in the WASANA were concerned about the procedures that will be used to give some mental health patients passes to explore the community. With what neighbors said is an “open air drug market” one block from the Newton Pavilion, many felt it would be inappropriate to allow them to go out.

“The big concern is you have this population in an open air drug market and the dealers are just going to see new prey,” said Andy

Brand. “That is bad for the patients and for the neighborhood.”

State officials said there is a segment of their mental health patients that would be allowed passes outside. It was estimated that 25 percent of the 115 mental health patients would be getting such passes.

However, Jackie Lachapelle, chief operating officer of the Department of Mental Health at the Shattuck (also a resident of Concord Square in the South End), said the visits are supervised and carefully constructed.

“We have the luxury of having long-term stays and we get to know our patients,” she said. “We get to know them and set up really clear discharge plans. Our campus police know our patients. They have pictures of them. They know that they need to come back to the hospital and will tell them to. We also know who isn’t ready for passes. We monitor the passes. They are events. It’s not to go out and check out the community. It’s very structured.”

Another issue brought up by neighbors Cinda Stoner and Helaine Simmonds was the smoking policy. Because Shattuck would be state property, there wouldn’t be smoking allowed on the premises.

Stoner said it would be a problem, as it was several years ago when Boston University Medical Center and Boston Medical Center became smoke-free campuses. Effectively, it turned the streets around the facilities into smoking areas.

“As a result of those policies, our streets and communities were littered with cigarette butts, second-hand smoke, cigarette packs,” she said. “If they can’t smoke on state properties, you are designating our streets as the smoking areas.”

That was a conundrum because state officials there said they didn’t have the ability to overturn such a policy. It was something they all

agreed to look into and find out a solution before the new hospital opens in 2022.

•In other WASANA news, several people were affected by an 11-hour scheduled electrical outage recently, as well as some unplanned outages, too. The situation has been

the status quo for several years in the South End as spotty electrical service seems to have continued instead of improved.

Minnocci said he experienced the planned outage about two weeks ago on a Saturday and felt it was just outrageous. Other out-

ages have affected his work, and the work of those who increasingly work from home.

The matter is going to be discussed in depth with EverSource representatives at the June 4 South End Forum, 6 p.m., in the South End Library.

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PARTY IN THE PARK TO BENEFIT THE EMERALD NECKLACE CONSERVANCY

Photos by Mike Mejia

Spring's most fashionable fundraiser, Party in the Park, returned for its 16th year at Franklin Park on Wednesday, May 15. Some 800 fashionable ladies, and a few well-groomed men, attended the luncheon to benefit the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. The funds

raised at the event help support special restoration projects for parks throughout Boston and Brookline. The Emerald Necklace Conservancy was founded in 1998 to maintain, restore and protect the Emerald Necklace - 1,100 acres of meadows, woodlands and paths designed by Frederick Law Olmsted more than 100 years ago.



Adriana Hassan at Party in the Park.



Emily Grise and Martina Slingsby.



Gerry Wright as Frederick Olmsted and John Linehan.



Above, Joyce Petkovich, Sasha Gunther, Rosemary Scully, and Micheline de Bievre. To the right, Kathryn Ott Lovell, Commissioner of the Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, was awarded the 2019 Liff Spirit Award.



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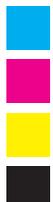


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Walsh launches applications For 2019-2020 Spark Boston Council

Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced that applications for the 2019-2020 SPARK Boston Council are now available. The SPARK Boston Council is Mayor's Walsh's 20-35 year old leadership and civic engagement council, charged with leading the City's efforts to engage Boston's young adult population. This is the first year that the age range for the Council will expand eligibility to include 35 year olds, in order to capture a wider range of experiences and opinions.

"The City of Boston has many opportunities through a number of diverse industries, making us an attractive home for young people from every neighborhood," said Mayor Walsh. "The SPARK Boston Council does incredible work to help build community for all Bostonians and connect them with our local government."

Under the direction of the SPARK Boston Director, the 2019-2020 Council will spend the year leading programming and advising Boston's leaders to help our city grow as an inviting, connected, culturally rich and sustainable place

for young adults. Past projects have included programming and projects on childcare access and affordability, immigrant advancement, economic development, equal pay, voter engagement, and neighborhood engagement. Throughout the SPARK Boston Council term, members hear from key members of the Mayor's staff, leaders within City Hall, and community organizations ranging from regional research to civic innovation.

"Each year, the SPARK Boston Council helps our City and community identify priorities and values of our emerging leaders and generation - their clear eyes and energy help envision how we can improve in service delivery, increasing equity, and communication," said Amy Mahler, Director of SPARK Boston. "Whether convening conversations about immigration or conferences on childcare accessibility, our Council seizes the opportunity to access City leaders and help educate and advocate for their peers. We expanded the council to include 35 year olds to help capture the experience of young

adults who are more settled as residents and professionals, beginning their civic journey."

Applicants can learn more about the Council and application process during an Instagram Live on the @SparkBos Instagram page on Monday, May 20, where applicants can ask questions about the application and selection process. Applicants can also reach out with questions to sparkboston@boston.gov. Applications close on Monday, June 16, at 11:59 p.m., after which a selection committee will review the applications and determine which candidates will partake in the group interviews. Once the group interviews conclude, the selection committee helps the Director select the final 2019-2020 SPARK Boston Council.

The 2018-2019 SPARK Boston Council is comprised of 40 Boston residents, who live in 17 different neighborhoods across Boston. This group includes architects, entrepreneurs, teachers, undergraduate and graduate students, community organizers, restaurant professionals, lawyers, and representatives

from other industries across the public and private sectors. Over a fourth of the Council are native Bostonians, while others grew up as far outside of Boston as El Salvador, Florida, France, Georgia, Mississippi, India and beyond.

Last year, the SPARK Boston program received 165 applications for the Council, showing a robust interest for involvement and engagement. Projects for this Council cohort have included voter registration pop-ups at local breweries, hosting Boston's Creative Economy Mingle for the Chamber of Commerce's FUNinBOS Festival, the Council's first hackathon in the Future of Childcare Challenge, an event partnership with Suffolk University centered on professional development, and the continuation of the Chief Chat series. Notable alum of SPARK Boston and ONEin3 include State Representative Liz Miranda, Boston School Committee Member Michael Loconto, Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics' Chief of Staff Jaclyn Youngblood, and others.

"SPARK, for me, is an opportunity to push yourself to grow and evolve in community with your cohort in a way that we may not force ourselves to do on the daily," said Sam Montaña of the 2018-2019 SPARK Boston Council.

"As the Mayor's Census Liaison and a SPARK Council member, I have seen how civic engagement creates strong connections between young adults and our city," said Sebastiana Zapata of the 2018-2019 SPARK Boston Council. "My time on the council further empowered me to be a leader and granted opportunities to create bonds with tomorrow's leaders."

Applicants must be Boston residents and between the ages of 20 to 35 to apply for the Council. Applications for the Council can be found here and submission deadline is Monday, June 17. For more information on the SPARK Boston Program, please visit <http://www.boston.gov/spark/>.

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NOTICE OF SELF-STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Prime Storage - Boston Traveler St. located at 33 Traveler St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenant at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 6/10/2019 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Justin Waithe unit #711. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

for the proposed Concord Square development.

•Step Up to the Plate for South End Baseball. On Tuesday, June 4, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., step up to the plate and support the best free youth baseball program in the city and the Hugh Chambers/Paul Rinkulis Scholarship. Join them at Stella for a fun evening with delicious food, a cash bar, and both live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$50.

•The 2019 Ink Block Underground Mural Project by Street Theory will take place in Underground at Ink Block on June 24-29.

From June 24th - June 29th 2019, The Underground Mural Project will gather and celebrate creative do-ers, local-national-internationally renowned street art-

ists, and local tastemakers through a week of arts programming, education, one-of-a-kind activations and a block party that celebrates a blossoming City of arts and culture. The Underground Mural Project is curated by Street Theory in partnership with National Development.

•Ellis Evening 2019 will take place on Sunday, June 23, from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Revolution Hotel, 40 Berkeley St. Come cele-

brate the neighborhood at the Ellis South End Neighborhood Association's annual fundraiser.

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•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.

•Red Sox Neighborhood Meeting at Fenway Park on Tuesday, June 4 at the Champions Club. Please enter the Champions Club via the door located on Ipswich St. near Gate B. We will have security located outside checking in attendees. As with our previous meetings over the years, we will provide up-dates on our events

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New pilot program aims to improve economic mobility for low-income families

The Family Independence Initiative-Greater Boston (FII), in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) and the City of Boston have announced the launch of a multimillion-dollar, three-year pilot project called the “Trust and Invest Collaborative.”

The initiative is a systems transformation research and learning pilot where the FII model will be layered on to traditional DTA services and benefits through DTA’s Boston-area offices.

This collaborative pilot will involve staff and families from DTA, City of Boston, and FII-Greater Boston to explore policy changes that would support asset building, reduce barriers to employment, and benefit the overall health and well-being of families living with low incomes and their children.

Over three years, the pilot plans to enroll a total of 400 families from Greater Boston including a minimum of 100 families from the City of Cambridge, and a minimum of 200 families receiving Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC), DTA’s core economic assistance program. TAFDC is a joint state and federally funded program that provides economic assistance and supportive services to families and children with little or no assets or income.

“All families across the United States should have access to the investment and agency needed to achieve their dreams,” said Jesús Gerena, Chief Executive Officer of The Family Independence Initiative. “We are confident families will continue to demonstrate to us how to reimagine our systemic investments in them. The Trust and Invest Collaborative and its partners are leading the country in piloting a new approach to accelerating economic and social mobility. Families in Cambridge, Boston and beyond will benefit and be at the forefront of changing the system.”

The partners involved are also in the process of formalizing existing relationships with the Cambridge Community Foundation and the City of Cambridge into this pilot as well. As this pilot unfolds and the state and municipalities learn and seek to evolve their policies, the pilot aims to be a role model for change across the nation to transform our current social service sector system to one that honors family choice and control, recognizes the strength of their communities, and invests directly in their solutions.

“Under this administration, the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance has shepherded several changes to our economic assistance programs to support people receiving benefits as they move to employment,” said Department of Transitional Assistance Commissioner Jeff McCue. “The Department has been engaged in an agency culture shift from providing benefits to encouraging economic mobility, and this pilot is exactly the kind of innovative project that helps us learn and drive informed changes.”

The partnership was officially announced May 20 at the Museum of Science with representatives from FII, DTA, the City of Boston and Google.org outlining how the “Trust and Invest Collaborative” will work to benefit area families living with low incomes. Also included in the launch day events was a demonstration of FII’s technology platform, UpTogether, which will be used to strengthen existing and create new social networks, access financial capital and incentives, set goals and monitor progress and allow families to support one another in achieving mobility. FII has consistently shown that the combination of peer networks, progress tracking, and capital investment results in the increased social and economic mobility of families living with low incomes.

“The City of Boston is proud to partner with the Family Independence Initiative and the Department of Transitional Assistance on this opportunity to take the lead in building a system that provides solid pathways to economic security and mobility to Boston residents,” said John F. Barros, chief of economic development, City of Boston. “The Walsh administration is committed to testing out new ideas to better serve City of Boston residents, and we look forward to working with and learning from this people-centered pilot.”



Jessica Taubner, moderator of the panel discussion, and site director for FII-Greater Boston (far left, rear), with panelists Jason Ewas, director of Mayor Walsh’s Economic Mobility Lab; NaTasha Hunt, FII Family Partner and Community Building Fellow; Megan Nicholls, director of economic assistance for DTA; Tyreese Thomas, assistant director of Employment Services for DTA; and Marisol Tejera-Velazquez, FII Family Partner and former Fellows Coordinator.



Jesús Gerena, Chief Executive Officer of The Family Independence Initiative.

Google.org, Boston Children’s Hospital, Cambridge Community

Foundation, the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and the Wagner Foundation are funding partners for the project.

“Google believes in the power of technology to strengthen communities and create more opportunity for everyone,” said Google.org Senior Manager Samantha Hennessey. “We are proud to support the Family Independence Initiative’s data-driven and family-led model and this exciting collaboration in Boston and Cambridge with both our Google.org funding and the technical expertise of our Google.org Fellows.”

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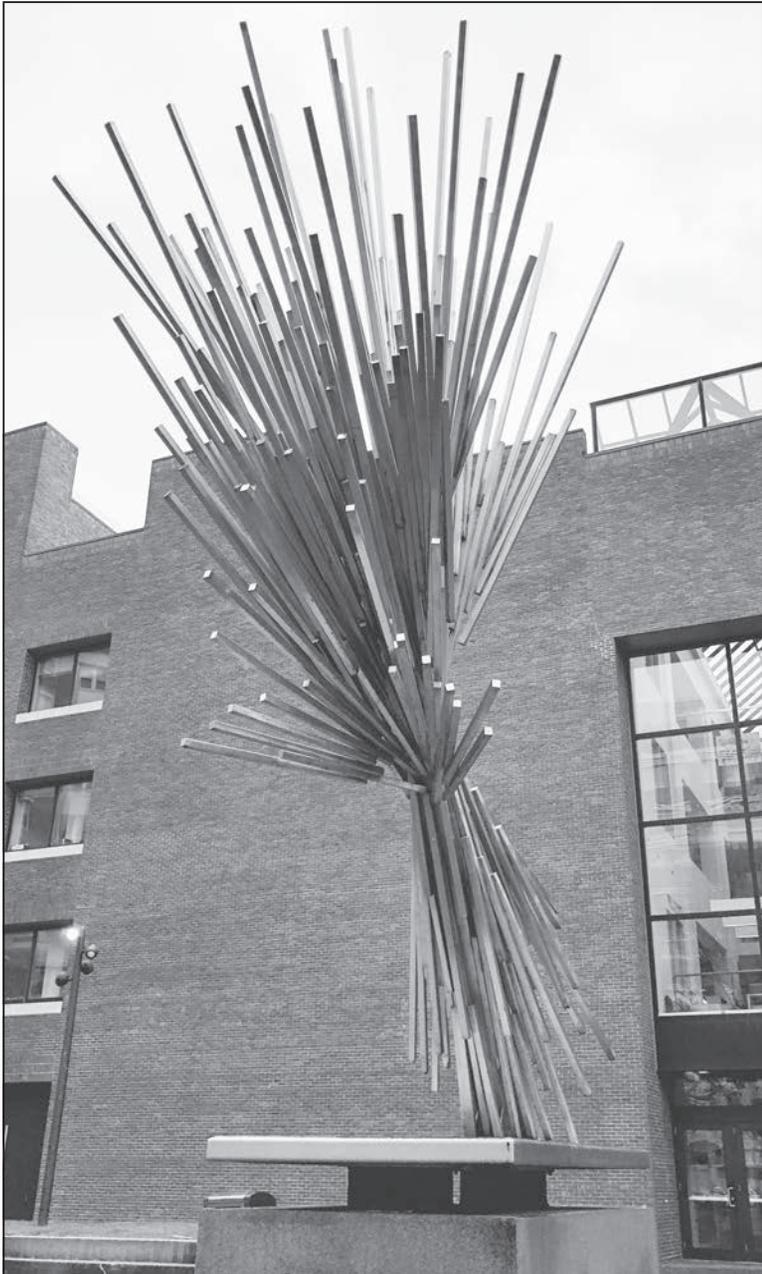


Jessica Taubner, moderator of the panel discussion, as well as site director for FII-Greater Boston.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

By PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The last clue is a close-up photo of the Explosion Sculpture in front of the BU Department of Physics at 590 Commonwealth Avenue. The work is by Chilean artist Sergio Castillo (1925-2010) and was installed in 1987 while he was in residence at BU. The next clue will be found in the South End.

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Pen-ny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



Major homelessness forum to take place in the Back Bay

Staff Report

The Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) will be holding a 'Homelessness in Boston' forum on Monday, June 17, in the Boston Public Library – a forum that will look at break-through solutions in the Back Bay and city-wide.

The objective of the forum is to increase the understanding of the scope and nature of homelessness in Boston, and the resources for dealing with the problem.

Fear, sadness and concern are often the responses upon encoun-

tering homeless people in the neighborhood. While Boston's homelessness services are some of the best in the nation, many people are still living on the streets. Some pose security or nuisance problems for residents and local businesses; some strive to survive quietly and pass away prematurely; and others find their way through support services available through Boston's homeless shelter programs and long-term housing placement.

The forum looks to highlight who these men and women are, and what neighbors can do to help this vulnerable population.

The forum will be moderated by WBUR radio producer Lynn Jolicoeur.

Panelists will include:

- David Leonard, president of the Boston Public Library.
- Dr. Jesse Gaeta, chief medical officer at Boston Health Care for the Homeless.
- Jim Greene, City of Boston director of Emergency Shelters.
- Lyndia Downie, president of Pine Street Inn.
- D-4 Police Capt. Steven Swee-ney.
- D-4 Sgt. James Freeman.
- State officials.

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MAYOR WALSH'S BACK BAY NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOUR

By Lauren Bennet

The Back Bay community gathered on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall on May 23 for Mayor Walsh's neighborhood coffee hour. Mayor Walsh made several announcements regarding transportation and capital investments for the neighborhood, including the installation of new BlueBikes stations on Stuart and Berkeley Streets and Charles and Pinckney Streets.

Walsh also said that a stretch of bike lane is going to be added on Beacon St, and said he knows that there is some concern around "traffic and following the rules of the road."

"In this budget we have some information we're going to be getting out to Bostonians about driving rules and biking rules. We want to make sure people are safe and we want to make sure people follow the rules of the road as well," Walsh said.

In addition, Walsh said that they are finishing up data collection for the Beacon St. redesign. He said they



District Eight City Council candidate Kenzie Bok spoke with residents at the coffee hour.



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Mayor Walsh talked to the Back Bay community about projects going on in their neighborhood.

have seen reduced congestion and emissions due to the pilot program, so work will continue in that area.

Walsh said that \$18 million is being invested in the replacement of the Mass. Ave. Bridge over Commonwealth Ave., \$12.6 million for the Dalton St. Bridge, \$3.8 million for Boylston St. sidewalks, and \$8.3 million in climate resiliency efforts.

There is also a \$24 million investment in infrastructure happening at the Copley Library for the rare books renovation and the Johnson Building roof replacement, and \$1.5 million for the Clarendon St. playground.

The Boston Common Master Plan is underway, as well as several investments on the Boston Common, Walsh said.

Open Newbury will also be returning this summer with three dates, the first being July 14. "The first year we heard some complaints and I don't think we've heard many complaints since then so hopefully that's a success," Walsh said.



Mayor Walsh with Elizabeth Bertolozzi of the Fenway Garden Society, winner of the Dunkin' Donuts raffle.



Edwina Yezirski, State Rep. Jay Livingstone, and NABB member Sue Prindle.



Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission, and Preservation Assistant Gabriela Amore.



Boston Public Library President David Leonard and Back Bay Association President Meg Mainzer-Cohen.



District Eight City Council candidate Helene Vincent chats with Back Bay residents.



Leslie Adam and Eve Waterfall of the Beacon Hill Civic Association with District Eight City Council candidate Jennifer Nassour (middle).



District Eight City Council candidate (right) speaks with Elizabeth Bertolozzi of the Fenway Garden Society and Pam Beale, owner of Cornwall's pub in Kenmore Square.

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and operations, and offer you the chance to ask questions and provide any feedback and suggestions that you have. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the meeting running from 6:30-7:30pm/ The meeting is open to all, and food and beverages will be served. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Claire cdurant@redsox.com.

- The BPDA is holding a public meeting on June 4 from 6 - 8 p.m. in Room 312 of the Boston University Questrom School of Business regarding the Boston University Data Science Center. Boston University proposes to construct the Data Sciences Center at 665 Commonwealth Avenue.

As described in the Draft Project Impact Report, the Project will be approximately 305,000 square feet, with a height of 19 stories (305 feet). The project will allow the consolidation of the Departments of Computer Science and Mathematics and Statistics and the Rafik B. Hariri Institute for Computing and Computational Science and Engineering in one building at the heart of Boston University's Charles River Campus. The Project is also described in the Fifth Amendment to the Boston University Charles River Campus 2013-2023 Institutional Master Plan.

ESPLANADE BLADES



Blades the Bruin – the mascot for the Boston Bruins – joined players from the hot, hometown Stanley Cup chasing hockey team to plant flowers and clean up the Black & Gold Garden on the Esplanade last week prior to the start of the Stanley Cup Finals. Volunteers joined Blades and the Bruins' players for the afternoon.



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St. John School Auction raises money for art/music room renovation

On May 17, the St. John School community came together to raise funds for a major renovation of the Art/Music room, slated to take place this summer. Over 140 parents, faculty and special guests enjoyed an evening of fun while they attended the school's biggest fundraiser of the year.

Our Emcee, Doug Meehan, Co-Ancor of "News Center 5" and our Auctioneer Larry Lannan of Boston Harbor Auctions added to the wonderful success of this major fundraiser. We would like to thank our major sponsors: Hays Companies, Craig Lake Team LLC, United Site Services,

Century Bank, The Golden Goose Market, The Hussey Dewey Group at Morgan Stanley, Michele Brocca & Sabrina Paganoni, Frank

Bertolino, DePasquale Ventures, Martignetti Companies and Shaker Glen Construction. Also, a special thanks to our media sponsor: The Independent Newspapers.

St. John School, located in the heart of Boston's North End is a faith based value-centered learning community dedicated to fostering the growth of each student in spirit, mind and body. Welcoming pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students, we utilize innovative programs and a standards base curriculum to educate the whole child.

If you would like more information about St. John School, please contact Vincenza DeLeo/ Admissions at 617-227-3143 ext. 102 or email at vdeleo@sjsne.com.

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- For recycling information or to report a missed pick-up, call 617-635-7573.

Esplanade Association celebrates Bruins Stanley Cup playoff-run with 17-foot-wide hockey helmet on famed Fiedler head statue

To cheer on the Bruins as they began the Stanley Cup finals on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, the Esplanade Association, nonprofit steward of the 3.3-mile Charles River Esplanade in Boston, collaborated with the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and local company Heritage Flag Co. for a monumental tribute: a 17-foot in circumference replica hockey helmet atop the Arthur Fiedler statue in the park. In addition to a park service day with Bruins staff last Thursday, May 23, that added a newly planted “black-and-gold” flower garden to the Esplanade, the groups are readying Boston fans to root for the Bruins’ seventh Stanley Cup with a series victory over the St. Louis Blues next week.

The Bruins are no strangers to the Esplanade as the long-time

sponsors of both the Esplanade Association’s Children in the Park (ChiP) program and the organization’s annual Moondance Gala. The ChiP program is a partnership with the Bruins Foundation, Highland Street Foundation, and others to bring children from urban day camps throughout Greater Boston to the Esplanade for a hockey clinic and other park activities while the Moondance Gala is the Esplanade Association’s largest source of funds and addresses the yearly financial cost of taking care of the 64-acre park.

“The Bruins have been long-time supporters of the Esplanade Association, and we’re delighted to back our friends in ‘black and gold’ with a monumental tribute to a successful season as they get ready for the Stanley Cup Final,” said Michael Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Associa-



The Arthur Fiedler statue wearing a 17-foot-wide Bruins helmet.

tion. “We invite the public to head down to the Esplanade to take and

share photos with Mr. Fiedler as he once again readies a Boston team for a championship.”

The oversized Bruins helmet is a continuation of a tradition begun in 2018 as the Esplanade Association paired with local knitwear company STIKto adorn the Fiedler sculpture with an oversized Red Sox knit cap ahead of the team’s eventual World Series triumph over the Los Angeles Dodgers. Having gone one-for-one in delivering championships, the tradition now lives on with the Bruins and this year’s partnership. This year’s headwear was fabricated and installed by Allston-based Heritage Flag Co. and involved using five different layers of material to ensure the beloved Fiedler sculpture was protected and the irregularly shaped hockey helmet would stay snugly in place on the monument.

Fiedler, beloved long-time conductor of the Boston Pops, is honored with this statue for the role he played in bringing outdoor music to the Esplanade—a legacy that lives on today at the annual Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular, which attracts an estimated half-million people to the park each year, the summer Boston Landmarks Orchestra concerts, and the Esplanade Association’s own GroundBeat: the Esplanade’s Free Riverfront Music Series. The statue is located a short walk from the Hatch Shell Oval.

“If it helps the Bruins win the Stanley Cup, I’m sure my father would be all in favor of putting a B’s helmet on his statue!” said Peter Fiedler, son of legendary Boston Pops conductor Arthur Fiedler.

Back Bay Ringers partners with Stop Handgun Violence for June Concert Series

Join the Back Bay Ringers as they celebrate their 15th anniversary as Boston’s premiere handbell ensemble.

The Art of Ringing will include a mixture of original compositions for handbells, stirring hymn tunes, and joyful melodies. The goal of the Back Bay Ringers ensemble is to promote excellence in handbell artistry through performance, education and community, and in recent years BBR has dedicated the proceeds of their spring seasons to local organizations whose missions align in some way.

This spring, the Back Bay Ringers will donate all concert proceeds to “Stop Handgun Violence,” a local charity taking on important

work in our communities. They will partner with Brian Clements, editor of the anti-gun violence anthology *Bullets Into Bells*, to weave poetry and reflection in between music both meditative and celebratory.

“With shootings like Sandy Hook, Parkland and, most recently, Highland Ranch, the we knew we wanted to get involved on the issue” said Griff Gall, the Artistic Director of Back Bay Ringers. “We are excited to be donating our spring series proceeds to Stop Handgun Violence, a group that is working to end all local gun violence including the less publicized homicides and suicides in our neighborhoods. This partnership

also gives us the opportunity to showcase original music written in direct response to incidents of gun violence”

“We are proud to partner with the Back Bay Ringers to help us share our message and bring awareness about this issue to new audiences,” said Zoe Grover, Executive Director of Stop Handgun Violence. “Every day a hundred individuals are killed by guns in America. We applaud the Back Bay Ringers for prioritizing this important cause in their advocacy.”

2019 Back Bay Ringers Concert Season

•Saturday June 8, 7:30pm: Harvard Epworth United Methodist Church Cambridge.

•Sunday June 9, 4:00pm: Wellesley Hills Congregational Church, Wellesley.

•Friday June 14th, 7:30pm: First Church in Boston, Back Bay.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor’s Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing has received the following application: To maintain and operate the category of karaoke to the existing non-live entertainment license. At: 885 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 Known as: The Whiskey’s Steakhouse & Saloon The applicant is: CRT Food & Beverage, Inc.

Manager of record is: Rebecca Caloggero A public hearing on this application will be held at Boston City Hall, Room 809A, on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to speak on this matter is invited to attend the hearing. Interpretation Services in Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole and American Sign Language may be available upon request if the request is made two

weeks prior to the public hearing. Call 617-635-4165 to request an interpreter. Written comments may be made prior to the hearing by writing to: Kathleen Joyce, Esq., Executive Director Mayor’s Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing Room 817, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA 02201 Telephone (617) 635-4165 Fax (617) 635-0709

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For the Record

From the May 30 Non-hearing Common Victuallers meeting, City Hall, 10 a.m.:

•Non hearing Common Victualler transaction

H & E Hospitality Group, Inc. d/b/a Coco Leaf, 303 Newbury Street, Back Bay. Eric Ly as manager of record. Coffee shop prep area all on basement level. Also to include outdoor seasonal patio on private property for 21 patrons same as store hours; 6 a.m. – 10 p.m. Hours of operation: 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

The Committee will hold a May 30 hearing at 10 a.m. on an ordinance concerning the registration and licensing of dogs, transfer of the Animal Care and Control unit from the Inspectional Services Department to the Parks and Recreation Department. The Chair of the Committee is Councilor Michael Flaherty. The Sponsor of the docket is Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

From the June 4 Licensed Premise Violations hearing, City Hall Rm. 809A, 10 a.m.:

•SPEAKEASY GROUP, INC. AS G.P. OF SPEAKEASY L.P., D/B/A: STORYVILLE, 90 EXETER St., Back Bay. Date: 03/08/2019: Alleged robbery in premises failure to report.
•569 TREMONT, INC., D/B/A: AQUITAINE, 569 TREMONT ST., South End. Date: 03/29/2019: Blocked emergency exit (barrel + high chair).

From the June 6 Back Bay Tree Removal hearing, 10:30 a.m., 1010 Mass Ave. (3rd Floor):

•The hearing will be held by the City of Boston’s Tree Warden (or designee) in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 1010

Massachusetts Ave. The request is for the removal of one honey locust tree measuring 5 inches dbh (diameter at breast height) due to construction staging and excavation work at 314 Newbury St. Public testimony will be taken at the hearing, or may be provided prior to the hearing in writing to the Tree Warden, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Roxbury, MA 02118, or by emailing parks@boston.gov with “Back Bay Tree Hearing” in the subject line.

A final decision regarding the request will be made within two weeks of the hearing. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at 617-635-7275.

From the June 6 Back Bay Architectural Commission subcommittee, City Hall (Rm. 709):

•Sub-committee continued discussion with Back Bay stakeholders regarding signage guidelines in the Commercial area of the Back Bay Architectural District.

From the June 11 Bay Village Historic District Commission, 4 p.m., City Hall (Rm. 709): DESIGN REVIEW

•Marginal Road - Between Arlington Street and Fayette Street (Josiah Quincy Upper School): Replace existing City-owned light pole with a 6-sided metal pole painted to match the concrete color of the existing pole with metal cabinet base and small cell wireless antenna system at top of pole.

City Council Budget Hearings, ongoing, City Hall/Council Chambers:

•June 4, Public Testimony, 2 p.m.



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