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Project Place works to help marginalized populations vote Nov. 3

By Seth Daniel

Voting can be aggravating when polling places change locations, or there are long lines to wait in on a presidential election, but those are nothing like the barriers some encounter when they don't have an address, or perhaps they've just come out of jail and don't realize they can vote by law in Massachusetts.

Barriers to voting have been a major issue in the current election cycle, but they have been in place for decades when it comes to the marginalized

populations trying to get back on their feet with the help of organizations like Project Place in the South End.

It being a year to break down barriers, Project Place decided to launch an effort to help their clients register and get to the polls.

"I think the staff realized there are a lot of individuals that aren't aware of whether or not they can vote and how to access resources to be able to vote and to know where to go to vote on Election Day," said Aaryn Manning, director

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SAVE THE TREES ON MELNEA CASS



PHOTO BY SETH DANIEL

David Holzman hugs a tree tight on Melnea Cass Boulevard last Saturday afternoon for an in-person action meant to hammer home the continued support by residents of Roxbury and the South End for not chopping down more than 150 mature trees to make way for a road and bike lane rehabilitation project. Scores of residents turned out — with some interested parties coming from New Hampshire — to send a message to save the trees and come up with an alternate plan.

JAZZ CONCERT AT WORCESTER SQUARE



PHOTO BY DEREK KOYOUJMIAN

Neighbors Christopher Peter and Jaime Watson listened to live jazz and chatted over the Worcester Square fence, catching up with what's new after a long hiatus away from neighborhood events — with the Worcester Square summer concert series being cancelled. Neighbors in Worcester Square gathered in a socially-distant outdoor concert last Sunday, Oct. 25. Inset: The band featured for this concert was Orchid Reed: Alan "Speedy" Peralta, Santiago Lopez, and Fernando Pellegrini who performed jazz and easy music for the neighborhood to enjoy. See more photos on Page 7.

Residents speak out after partnership announced for more redevelopment around Fenway Park

By Lauren Bennett

On October 19, Fenway Sports Group Real Estate, '47 Brand—owned by the D'Angelo family—and WS Development announced a partnership to redevelop parcels of land

around Fenway Park.

According to a press release from the partners, "the new joint venture will redevelop several sites totaling approximately 5 acres within close proximity to Fenway Park, located on Jersey Street, Brookline

Avenue, Van Ness Street, and Lansdowne Street while representing the historic fabric and character of the area around Fenway Park. The development review process is expected to

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Next year's Boston Marathon postponed until fall 2021

Staff Report

There will be no grand, long-distance finishes of the Boston Marathon on Boylston Street this coming spring, but maybe in the fall of 2021.

The Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) has announced that the 125th Boston Mar-

thon, traditionally held on the third Monday in April—Patriots' Day in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—will be postponed until at least the fall of 2021.

The B.A.A., which has been meeting regularly with its COVID-19 Medical & Event Operations Advisory Group to

determine when and how the Boston Marathon can be held again, will begin working with local, city, and state officials, sponsors, organizing committee members, and other stakeholders to determine if a fall 2021 date is feasible.

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EDITORIAL

VOTING HAS BEGUN!

Thanks to the early voting laws, every registered voter in Massachusetts has the opportunity to cast their ballot for the upcoming Presidential election in the two weeks prior to Election Day itself, Tuesday, November 3.

Although the exact locations and times for early voting will vary in each municipality, the bottom line is that every city and town across the state will offer early voting through Friday, October 30, including this upcoming weekend.

Every voter should check their local clerk's web site for the locations and voting hours because they will vary in each city and town. However, every city and town will offer multiple opportunities to vote in person through October 30 without the hassles of long lines, bad weather, or inconvenient times, which are especially important considerations for all of us amidst the pandemic.

We would note that even if you requested and received a ballot in the mail, you still can vote early in-person if you feel uncomfortable about dropping your ballot in a mailbox.

In short: There is no excuse for failing to vote -- so do it!

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 24

With all of the excitement (for lack of a better word) being generated by the upcoming election, a record turnout of voters is being predicted both in Massachusetts and across the country.

Americans are voting early and in huge numbers that far exceed any previous election.

However, you can't participate in the fun if you aren't registered to vote.

The good news is that there still is time to do so and the deadline to register is this coming Friday, October 24.

So if you are not registered to vote, or unsure if you are, check with your local clerk's office. Don't be left out of what is the most consequential election of our lifetimes that will have ramifications for all of us for years to come.

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GUEST OP-ED

This November 3, make sure your voice is heard

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

We are slowly approaching the most important day of the year: Election Day. This year, although we'll be voting under different circumstances because of the COVID-19 pandemic, please be assured the City of Boston is doing everything within our power to make sure you can make your voice heard with your vote. November 3, 2020 is a special date. The lives of families, businesses and communities are on the line. Voting is more important than ever before, and we need to elect officials who are able to help ensure Boston's response and recovery from COVID-19 so we can restore our normal lives.

This election includes the following races: Senator in Congress, Representative in Congress, Governor's Councillors, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court, Register of Probate, and Office of the President of the Unit-

ed States. Additionally, there are two ballot questions: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Motor Vehicle Mechanical Data & Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Ranked-Choice Voting.

This election cycle, all Massachusetts residents have been given the option to vote by mail, as well as many options to return their ballots either by mail, at an early voting site, or at a dropbox near you. We have had a robust early voting schedule, with dozens of neighborhood locations open for any Boston registered voter during weekdays and weekends. We even had Fenway Park as one of them, where over 4,000 Bostonians chose to cast their ballots.

As of October 26, voter turnout in Boston stands at 24 percent. If you still haven't cast your ballot yet, there's still time: early voting runs through Friday, October 30, and if you have your ballot, you can still drop it off at a dropbox by 8

p.m. on November 3. You can also still vote in person, at your assigned polling place, on Election Day.

All polling locations in Boston are operating under COVID-19 safety guidelines: poll workers will receive face shields, face masks, gloves, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer. Cleaning will take place at each site every two to three hours. Voters waiting in line will be instructed to stand six feet away from others and wear a face covering. On Election Day, polling locations are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Every vote counts. I encourage everyone to vote whether by mail or in-person. The City of Boston depends on your vote. For more information on how to participate in this year's elections, please visit boston.gov/elections.

Martin Walsh is the Mayor of the City of Boston

Early voting last weekend proved popular once again

By Seth Daniel

Duplicating the excitement of early voting in the Septem-

ber Primary Elections, more than 2,000 voters came out last Saturday and Sunday to the Copley Square library for

the downtown neighborhood's only early voting opportunity — logging more than 10 percent of the total early votes on either

day citywide.

Early voting has been a new addition to the last several elections, but it has been immensely popular this year citywide and in the neighborhoods due to the desire to spread out and not wait in long lines on Election Day providing greater risk for COVID-19.

Of course, on the ballot for the Nov. 3 General Election is the hotly contested presidential election — which drove turnout even higher.

The following are the turnout totals at Copley Square last weekend, compared to citywide turnout on the same day.

•Saturday, October 24 at Copley Square Library: 1,204 out of 9,303 citywide that day.

•Sunday, October 25 at Harvard/Kent School: 1,097 out of 7,927 citywide that day.

Overall, since early voting

started on Oct. 17, there have been 43,910 votes cast as of Monday, Oct. 26. The early-voting period for the Nov. 3 General Election will end on Friday, Oct. 30.

For those who missed the Copley Square dates, there is still an opportunity to vote in person at the City Hall early-vote polling place.

The dates and times for City Hall voting are:

•Thursday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

•Friday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Polling places in the Back Bay, South End, Bay Village and Fenway will be open as usual on the Nov. 3 General Election day. Those polling places are open, with socially-distant protocols and other sanitization protocols in place, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hearing for man accused of setting ballot box on fire

Staff Report

The man charged with setting fire to a Copley Square ballot box was ordered held without bail late yesterday, pending the outcome of a dangerousness hearing on Friday.

In Boston Municipal Court Monday afternoon, prior to moving to revoke Worldly Armand's bail in another open case, the Commonwealth requested that the defendant's counsel be permitted to request a mental health evaluation for his client. Judge Mark Hart Summerville denied the Commonwealth's request.

The Commonwealth then moved to revoke the bail in the open case and requested a dangerousness hearing. Later in the afternoon, a court clinician attempted to speak with the defendant to conduct a competency evaluation. The defendant, however, refused to speak with the clinician. When the clinician reported this meeting

to the court, Judge Summerville declined to send the defendant to Bridgewater for further evaluation.

Armand, 39, who provided the address of a Boston homeless shelter at booking, will have a dangerousness hearing scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2020. Judge Summerville additionally allowed a motion by prosecutors to revoke Armand's bail for 60 days in an open case out of Malden District Court, where he is charged receiving stolen property.

Members of the Boston Police and Fire departments responded to the area of 700 Boylston Street shortly after 4 a.m. Sunday, October 25, to find smoke coming from a ballot box. Prosecutors told the court that the incident was captured by security camera. Images of the individual who placed burning material inside the ballot box were distributed within the Boston Police Department, and officers on patrol in

the Back Bay located Armand wearing the same distinctive clothing worn by the alleged arsonist. Armand was placed under arrest on a warrant out of Ipswich District Court charging receiving stolen property.

"Although this individual appears to be emotionally disturbed without a deliberate or specific intent to intimidate or interfere with the voting process, the ability to vote without interference is central to our democracy. No matter the intent of Armand when he set fire to these ballots, his actions strike a nerve in our society at a time of nearly unprecedented political divisiveness. The destruction of ballots is simply unacceptable," District Attorney Rachael Rollins said.

Any voter concerned that their ballot may have been damaged or destroyed in the incident is urged to contact the City of Boston Election Department at 617-635-8683 or election@boston.gov.

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of Project Place. "We felt we had the bandwidth and team in place to make sure our clients had the help they needed to vote on Nov. 3."

It isn't as easy as it sounds, though, as Project Place often works with individuals coming out of homelessness, or who are re-entering society after long prison terms — among a host of other challenges. In such situations, a client may not have an address — and not having an address becomes a huge barrier to registering and finding out where to go to cast a vote.

"Many of us take an address for granted," she said. "Applying to vote isn't that difficult for us. If you're home address is a shelter or you're living on the street, it might feel like you don't have the chance to vote if you don't have an address."

In fact, those without an address can register to vote, but it's not as easy.

That's where the program at Project Place has helped clients navigate what isn't an easy path

to the polls.

"It takes time, and resources and energy, but we're trying to serve as the helpers to allow these individuals that want to vote this year to take the next steps to do so," she said.

Another key question is about those coming out of jail, a large part of the population that Project Place serves. In many states, those convicted and imprisoned on felony crimes lose the right to vote. Largely unknown is that it isn't the case in Massachusetts.

Manning said upon leaving prison, most everyone resumes the right to vote again.

"The right to vote is reinstated as soon as you are released in Massachusetts," she said.

"There is a lot of misinformation out there about that, and every state is different so it can be confusing. We hear all the time from folks about what they have heard in other states and they don't know what applies in Massachusetts. We constantly say that, but there are still a lot

of questions about this."

Project Place has combatted these barriers by offering online office hours to their clients. The clients are able to talk to counselors there about their personal experiences and barriers to getting registered.

One client from Project Place, who wished to remain anonymous, said they had participated in getting help to vote. It was important, they said, because it was their civic duty and a big part of re-entering society and being a contributor.

"The reason that I voted is because I believe that my vote truly does count, and that it really will bring about change," said the client.

Manning said they are working to try to take the resources to the clients, in addition to the online office hours. She said they have brought voting resources and offered help at local shelters, substance use disorder facilities, to other community partners.



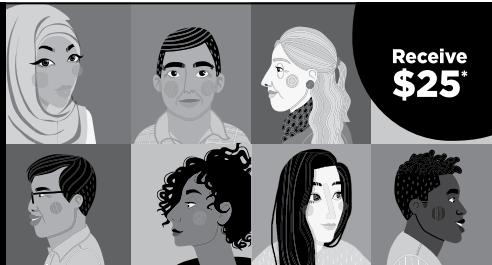
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Project Proponent:
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The Boston Housing Authority will be conducting a total renovation of the existing 7-story building located at 70 St. Botolph Street in the Back Bay. The scope of work includes miscellaneous site revisions, exterior envelope repairs, and replacements, renovations to common areas and individual units and upgrades to fire protections, HVAC and MEP systems. We encourage the community to join us to discuss the merits of this proposed total building renovation project.

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St. Botolph Neighborhood Association looks at planned redevelopment of Midtown Hotel

By Dan Murphy

The St. Botolph Neighborhood Association held its first Community Meeting since July virtually on Tuesday, Oct. 27, which included an update on the planned redevelopment of the Midtown Hotel.

National Development is proposing a 10-story building that would span the entire block, said Lee Steele of the Neighborhood Association, containing 325 residential units, ground-floor retail and an underground parking garage with 155 spaces. The site is owned by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, which is leasing it to National Development for the duration of 99 years.

Depending on community feedback, the project could result in the demolition of the adjacent red brownstone building at 1 Cumberland, added Steele, who is serving on the Impact Advisory Group, which advises the Boston Planning and Development Agency on potential impacts and appropriate mitigation for the project, along with Joan Carragher, president of the Neighborhood Association.

"Some consider it an eyesore," Carragher said of the brownstone, "but we want to hear everyone's opinions on it."

Carragher added she is working with Adel Labib, another officer of the Neighborhood Association, to re-launch the group's Safety Committee and said she would soon be meeting with city officials, Boston Police and management of the 7-Eleven at 252 West Newton St. to discuss the problem of persistent panhandling outside the store.

Elsewhere, 100 percent of the lightbulbs have been replaced in South West Corridor Park, and are now operational.

"DCR has done a phenomenal job of replacing the lightbulbs and hopeful they'll be working for as long as any of us are living in the neighbor-

hood," said Lorraine Steele, the Neighborhood Association's treasurer.

While a stronger State Police presence has resulted in fewer homeless encampments in the park, problems still persist there, she said, so a "formal walk-through" of the site with officials is now scheduled for Nov. 5.

The Neighborhood Association is also waiting to hear back from City Councilor Ed Flynn on its request to extend street-sweeping to align with the South End's current schedule beginning next year, Lorraine added.

Gisela Griffith also outlined the Trash Task Force Team's new comprehensive strategy that includes distributing fliers throughout the neighborhood to identify themselves and notifying property managers of ongoing issues at problem locations.

Althea Wagman-Bolster of the newly formed Tree Committee said they have identified trees in neighborhood that need help, and they're now looking for people to sponsor and "mentor" them, as well as five wells that are currently without trees.

"We have great trees in this neighborhood and we need to take care of them," Wagman-Bolster said.

The Neighborhood Association also voted unanimously to update its bylaws, which date back to the '80s, for the first time in more than two decades to include creating of a consolidated document outlining the group's financial procedures, and formalizing the residents of Copley Residence – the housing coop adjoining Copley Place – as members of the group, among other changes.

Meanwhile, the Boston Housing Authority's residential development at 70 St. Botolph St. is slated to undergo renovations, which will be the subject of a Nov. 9 Zoom meeting; more details on this to follow.

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kick off later this year."

While many specifics have yet to be announced, ... "we are thinking about residential, office space, retail, restaurants, and possibly [a] hotel, along with public art and public open space will be the type of spaces that may be included within the five acres of site area," Yanni Tsipis of WS Development told the Sun. "Listening to the community and creating a people-first destination is paramount in our thinking," he added.

"For 20 years, our goal has been to preserve, protect, and enhance the local and national treasure that is Fenway Park," Fenway Sports Group Principal Owner John Henry said in a statement. "We are excited to now fully expand our focus through our partnership with WS and the D'Angelo family as we further contribute to a neighborhood that has transformed over the past two decades. Our partnership's work in the area surrounding the ballpark will have a profound effect on the experience of Red Sox fans and all Bostonians as we create beautiful, dynamic streetscapes that complement the character and significance of Fenway Park."

WS Development is responsible for several projects in the Seaport, including pop-up village The Current, One Seaport apartments and retail, 111 Harbor Way, and 400 Summer Street.

This announcement comes at a time when several other projects are either in the works or slated to begin shortly in the area near Fenway Park, including the Boston Arts Academy, the Scape housing project, and the proposed hotel at 1241 Boylston St., among others.

Some Fenway residents are upset with the lack of community involvement for many of these projects, including this new partnership. While many do not disagree with the need for redevelopment in certain areas of the neighborhood, they say they feel the way developers go about their proposals is what will ultimately matter.

Fenway resident Joanne McKenna told the Sun that though it's still early, she doesn't think the process for this proposed development is off to the right start.

"The Seaport is pretty widely recognized as a development that didn't put creation of community or sense of place at the top of the priority list," she said. "It's a neighborhood that isn't a neighborhood."

She said it's important that the Fenway community express what they would like to see, then evaluate how it "meshes" with the vision of the developers to create a plan that would work for the most people.

Tsipis said that "the announcement that was made is about a long-term partnership, not a project or a timeline. We are certainly eager to engage with our neighbors in the coming weeks and months," as the process has not yet officially been kicked off.

Resident Lauren Dewey Platt said that she had received a call from the Red Sox community engagement team, who gave her a "heads up that this was coming down the pike," she said. "That very day, it shows up in the [Boston] Globe." She said she wishes the community had been notified earlier than the same day the paper released the information.

Fenway resident and activist Kristen Mobilia also said the Red Sox reached out to her the morning that the Globe article was published. She said that there is "a lot of activity to make it seem like they're considerate of the residents," but called it "false action."

McKenna said that "this could be a great opportunity to do some real planning that is advantageous to the Red Sox and property owners and to the community," but "all signs point to the fact that that is not going to happen."

Dewey Platt agreed, and said that there is a "perceived engagement with the community, but it's not real" for many of the projects that have gone through the approval process in the neighborhood.

She said that the community must work with [the developers] in a meaningful way," as the "idea of participating in rubber stamping meetings [is] not a good use of anybody's time," which she said is how she felt about some other development meetings in the neighborhood.

Mobilia said she would like to see a "comprehensive, strategic plan for the neighborhood" as all of these developments

continue to move forward.

"Where's there a true transportation plan for this neighborhood? Where's a school? I don't see one," she said.

The residents said that they would like to see a robust community process moving forward with this proposal. McKenna suggested a community assessment of what the strengths and weaknesses of the neighborhood are, as well as an assessment of the Fenway's many civic groups and community organizations about what their members feel "would be the best way to approach this development."

Questions like who would be able to afford to live or shop at the new development and what kinds of jobs will it create are ones that she thinks should be asked early on.

"I'd like to see a grassroots [effort] from the neighborhood," Dewey Platt said, that would tell the developers what the neighborhood would like to see. "That's not what happened in the Seaport," she said. "It's just a shame and it really shouldn't be this way."

Mobilia said she would like to see things like a daycare center in the neighborhood, as well as a post office on this side, along with more local shops. "We have one of the largest older adult populations in the city—we need things close by," she said, instead of more "boutique" retail space

that many people cannot afford to patronize.

She also said that while the Fenway Community Center is already a great space for the neighborhood, an even larger space would be beneficial for meeting the community's needs.

"We look to our elected officials for support as we push back against this," McKenna said. "I hope they'll agree that a real community process is the best way to approach this."

Mobilia added, "this project really represents a lot. Will the city finally stand up for this neighborhood?"

Mobilia and Dewey Platt said that a group of residents have been asking the Red Sox for "an enforceable neighborhood agreement" for years, according to Dewey Platt, who hails from Chicago and said that the Chicago Cubs have a neighborhood agreement with the surrounding area.

"There have to be resident voices in the planning process for our neighborhood," Dewey Platt said. "There absolutely must be the resident perspective and it has to play a huge role in how these parcels are developed."

Dewey Platt expressed her frustration with community processes for other projects in the neighborhood, saying that "it's not a discussion, it's a presentation. They tell the commu-

nity what they're going to do."

These residents say they hope the process for this partnership will be different moving forward, and that the community will have a true stake in what gets developed on these parcels, as well as be able to work with both the developers and the city agencies responsible for the approvals.

"The idea for this partnership has been in discussion for many years and the parcels involved provide an opportunity to plan in a holistic, comprehensive, and thoughtful way, which is very important to us," Tsipis said.

"As a Fenway resident who has watched our neighborhood, in fact, most of our city, undergo radical change with never-ceasing construction, worsening congestion and noise, skyrocketing rents and home prices, more wind and shadow even on our public parks and open space, and a seeming carte blanche to build bigger, higher and more densely than I ever thought would happen in Boston, I am of course concerned about what WS Development will propose on behalf of Fenway Sports Group and the D'Angelo family," said Dolores Boogdanian, Fenway resident and president of the Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association. "The real concern, however, is what the BRA and the Zoning Commission are going to approve."



A map of the Fenway Park area, with parcels proposed to be redeveloped shaded in red.

COURTESY OF WS DEVELOPMENT

HUG THOSE TREES: SCORES SHOW UP IN ACTION TO 'SAVE MELNEA'S TREES'

By Seth Daniel

The Friends of Melnea Cass and a number of community members intent on saving a grove of mature trees on Melnea Cass Boulevard gathered Saturday afternoon for a protest action to let the City know they haven't forgotten the latest promise. The trees have been slated to be removed – some 150 of mature trees along the Boulevard – in order to accommodate a reconstruction of the Boulevard that will include more roadway space to accommodate bike lanes and cars in either direction. There was a plan to add 200 new trees in the process of the project, but residents have fought back against the measure – getting a recent victory when the City agreed to put the clear-cutting on pause to come up with an alternative.

That alternative was sup-

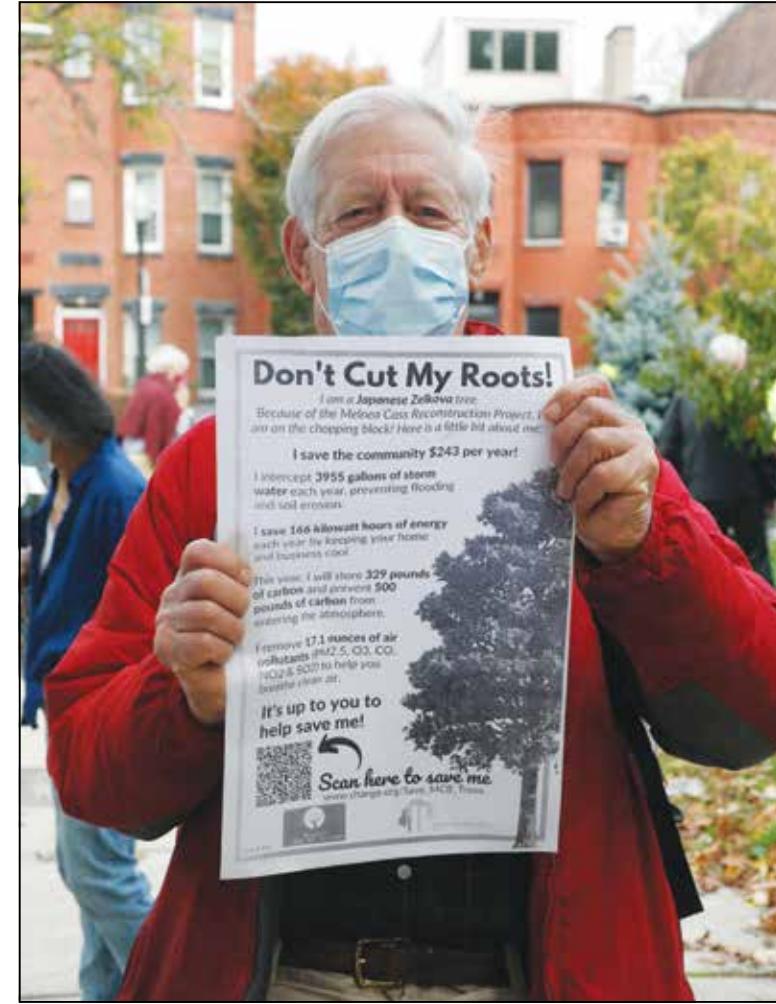


David Meshoulam, of Speak for the Trees, said they were out to remind the City they haven't forgotten about the promise to come up with an alternative plan.



Shown above: Yvonne Lalyre, who lives near Melnea Cass and has a community garden plot there, has been fighting against losing the trees for years. Here, as part of the protest on Saturday, she led a community dance to celebrate the trees.

Shown right: Al Martin displays the posters created by the group looking to save the trees.



Protesters cross the Boulevard at one point to have the South End and Roxbury unite as traffic stopped.



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The message is clear when it comes to these folks. Shown here are Jim O'Donnell, Grace Blair, Maggie Blair, Carol Blair and Eliana Luna.



One of the organizers and biggest advocates for saving Melnea's trees has been Ken Kruckemeyer of the South End.



Bob Barney of Claremont in the South End shows his support for the trees and rallies drivers to the cause.



Alison Barnet got the message across quite clearly, as Pam Sinotte looks on during the socially-distant protest.

JAZZ AT THE SQUARE! WORCESTER SQUARE GETS A SOCIALLY-DISTANT CONCERT



Neighbors John Stillwagon and Craig Hughes open the gates to the Worcester Square Park for those who wished to enter.



Pamela Mason and Rebecca Leibowitz had an impromptu picnic on their stoop.



Worcester Square residents Fernando Requena and Daniel Sugarman enjoy the music.



Gabriela Criese and Arthur Celestin camp out to enjoy the music and light refreshments together.



Shown above: Mike, Molly, and Nancy Thorsen found a designated spot to keep their party away from the others.



Shown to the left: Stephanie Mordaunt kept her four-legged friend Reggie warm while they listened to the music on their stoop.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The COVID Pandemic has affected everyone worldwide throughout 2020. All official events in Boston were cancelled in March and everyone has endured the lockdown. In lieu of the cancelled concert series in Worcester Square, an Autumn Concert was organized by the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA). The promotion of the event was minimal and spaces were marked to ensure the audience would remain socially distant. Music was provided by Orchid Reed, a trio of Berklee graduates who performed light jazz numbers.



Brick and his human, Roberto Portocarrero, came out to get a better look at the concert.



Tricia Wurster, Mark Cuper, John Bush, and Ray Sundstrom spend some time listening to the music on their stoop.

étant continues to serve South End, thanks to employee-turned-owner Stacy Koeppel

By Dan Murphy

When Stacy Koeppel got word that étant, Spa for Well Being would close at the end of September, she couldn't just passively watch the longstanding South End business where she had worked as the spa director for the past five years call it a day, so she decided to try her hand at running it instead.

She and her husband, Seth, were scheduled to host a dinner party at their Union Park home last month on the day that Stacy learned that étant was closing after its longtime owner, Scott St. Cyr, abruptly closed the business at 524 Tremont St. following that evening's shift.

St. Cyr had finally decided to relocate to Palm Springs, Calif., after commuting back and forth between there and Boston for a number of years, but his decision to move would also put 14 employees out of work.

"I was devastated because some of the employees had been with him since the beginning, and they were panicking," Stacy said.

Conversation at the dinner party quickly turned to Stacy's work situation, and Seth and the other guests encouraged her to take over the business, and to rehire all the employees back at the same wages, and working the same hours.

"It also made sense because we live right around the corner," said Stacy, who first befriended St. Cyr via the South End Business Alliance around 15 years ago, when she was running the organization and he served on its board.

When St. Cyr decided he needed someone to keep an eye on étant when he was out of town, he hired Stacy (on a part-time basis to start), and since then, Stacy said she has remained "behind the scenes" of what she describes as "a wonderful neighborhood gem for the past 23 years, offering massage therapy, esthetics, waxing, acupuncture, and other related services," while Jeanne Olivier manages the front desk as Chief Greeter and People Mover.

Stacy and Seth, who bought



Stacy Koeppel, the spa director and co-owner of the South End's étant, Spa for Well Being, is seen with Jeanne Olivier, a 23-year employee whom Koeppel describes as the "face" of the business.

the business together, had long discussed her taking over the reins of étant, but she said the pandemic, along with St. Cyr's decision to move out West, fast-tracked the plan, but more importantly, Stacy also had St. Cyr's blessing in to succeed him as the business owner.

"Scott and I are close friends so I'm basically carrying on his legacy and carrying on the name, which is important to people," Stacy said. "And basically, it's transparent to the community because everything's the same - it's just under new ownership."

And so far, the transition has been seamless.

"We're taking the uttermost precautions during the pandemic," she said. "We're already a heavily regulated industry, and we're just taking it one step further to keep people safe."

Stacy added, "People are starting to get more comfortable, and now, it's business as usual."

Visit www.etant.com to book an appointment, or to learn more about étant.



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Positive COVID-19 test rate up 5 percent in Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods

By John Lynds

As COVID-19 cases spike once again in Boston the positive test rate in the Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods are up once again according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

While Back Bay's COVID-19 positive test rate was decreasing steadily for the past few weeks the numbers have once again jumped in the neighborhood and increased 5 percent last week, fulfilling the prophecy of health care experts that a city-wide spike would occur.

Last week the BPHC reported that 27,172 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 2.1 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 5 percent increase from the 2 percent testing positive as reported two weeks ago. The citywide average was 6.2 percent, up nearly 9 percent from the 5.7 percent that tested positive two weeks ago.

Overall since the pandemic began 2.7 percent of Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West

End and Downtown residents were found to be COVID positive.

The infection rate in the Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods increased 3.65 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

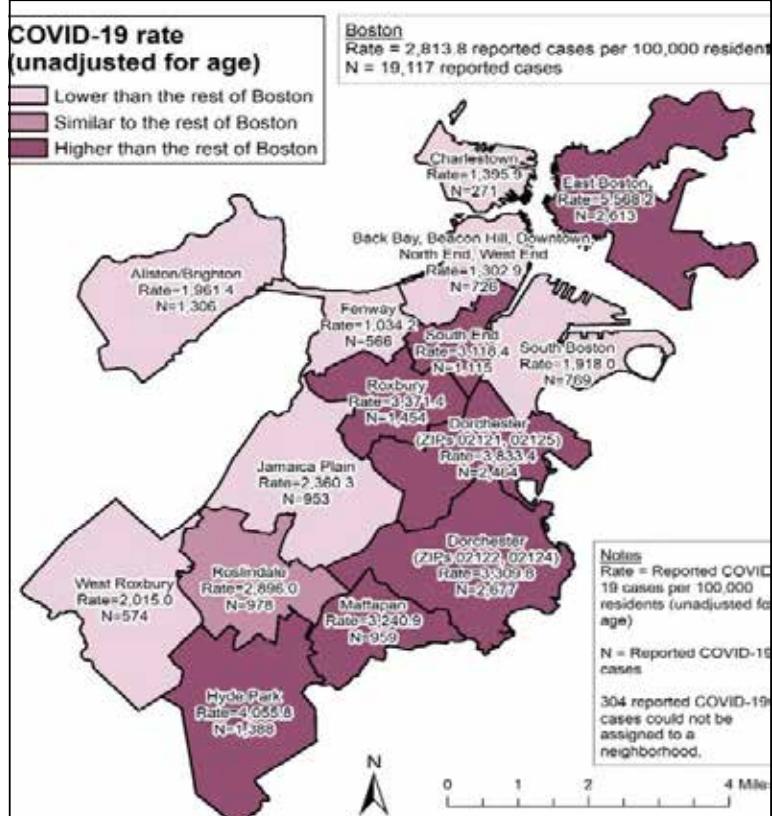
The BPHC data released last Friday showed Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 130.5 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 125.9 cases per 10,000 residents.

Twenty-four more residents became infected with the virus and the total number of cases in the area increased from 702 cases to 726 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus rose by 5.5 percent last week from 18,834 cases to

19,880 confirmed cases. So far 17,122 Boston residents have fully recovered from the virus. The total number of fatalities in the city remains at 777.



On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.



HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

BACK BAY WON'T CLOSE MARLBOROUGH FOR HALLOWEEN

NABB and the Friends of the Clarendon Street Playground work with the City Transportation Department and the District D-4 Police Department to close Marlborough Street to vehicular traffic, allowing safe trick-or-treating for children and their families on Halloween.

This year, the group will not close the street for trick-or-treat due to precautions for COVID-19.

"This year, because of Covid-19, we feel it irresponsible to promote door-to-door trick-or-treating because of the consequences that it could bring

to our neighbors and trick-or-treaters, and so we will not be closing the streets as usual," read a statement from NABB.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website offers guidelines for Halloween. These guidelines offer ideas on low-risk activities that can offer safe Halloween enjoyment for your children.

NABB VIRTUAL HALLOWEEN

Please join the Friends of the Clarendon Street Playground on Saturday, October 31, at 4 p.m. for a special presentation of virtual Halloween Stories and Magic. Host Daniel Berger-Jones, from Cambridge Historical Tours, will present 30 minutes of family-friendly

ghost stories peppered with jokes and local history. Magician Evan Northup will also perform a few magic tricks. Please register for this free event at: playground@nabbonline.com A link will be sent to participants for the program.

We hope you will be able to join us for this fun and festive presentation.

MAYOR WALSH AND BOSTON PARKS DEPARTMENT VIRTUAL PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Mayor Walsh, along with the Boston Parks Department, is holding a virtual pumpkin carving contest this year. Winners will be chosen from three categories: Most Creative, Scar-

iest, and Boston-Parks themed. Winners will receive an iPad sponsored by Xfinity. Photos of carved pumpkins can be submitted until 11:59pm on October 31. For the full list of rules and instructions, visit boston.gov/pumpkins.

FEED THE MONSTER

The City will offer "Feed the Monster" pumpkin composting events to encourage residents to compost their pumpkins into soil that will be used in a community garden in the city.

Locations:

Monday, November 2, 10am-1pm—Boston Common (parade ground)

Wednesday, November 4, 10am-1pm—Franklin Park (Shattuck Picnic area)

Thursday, November 5,

10am-1pm—Moakley Park
FENWAY CDC EAT & TREAT

Grab & Go Halloween!
Friday, October 30, 6 - 8 pm
Outside Fenway CDC's office

70 Burbank Street, Boston, MA 02115

Masks required, costumes encouraged! Stop by and enjoy treats and goodies with us. This outdoor event will follow COVID-19 precautions to maintain 6 feet physical distancing, along with hand sanitizing stations. All Fenway CDC residents are welcome! For inquiries, please contact Anar Kansara at akansara@fenwaycdc.org or (617) 326-6452.

Walsh, Boston Public Health officials urge caution, offer guidance on how to celebrate Halloween during COVID-19 pandemic

Staff Report

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) today released guidance on celebrating Halloween safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, urging residents who choose to celebrate Halloween to take extra precautions to keep themselves and others safe. Health officials have advised that many traditional activities, such as trick-or-treating, costume parties or crowded, confined spaces like haunted houses, raise the risk of spreading viruses.

"Halloween is one of the best nights, and what's most important this year is that any person participating in activities does so in a way that is safe for not only themselves, but also their neighbors and community," said Mayor Walsh. "We're asking people to take the extra precautions that are necessary this year, including avoiding direct contact with trick-or-treaters, wearing masks at all times, washing hands before eating any treats, and avoiding attending or hosting gatherings."

Tips for safe trick-or-treating:
-Trick-or-treat only with

immediate family members.

-Avoid direct contact with individuals passing out candy.

-Wash hands before handling treats.

-Wear a mask. A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask.

-Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.

-Bring hand sanitizer with you and use it after touching objects or other people.

Tips to safely prepare for trick-or-treaters:

-Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.

-Wash hands before handing

treats.

-Set up a station outdoors with individually wrapped goodie bags for trick-or-treaters.

-Wear a mask. A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask.

-Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.

BPHC health officials encourage families to find safer, alternative or virtual ways to have fun this season. The safest celebrations involve people from your household, are outdoors, allow for social distancing and other safety measures. In addition, BPHC is urging adults not to participate in gatherings or parties on Halloween.

BOSTON MARATHON (from pg. 1)

"With fewer than six months until Patriots' Day and with road races prohibited until Phase 4 of the Massachusetts reopening plan, we are unable to host the Boston Marathon this coming April," said Tom Grilk, C.E.O. of the B.A.A. "By shifting our focus to a fall date, we can continue to work with stakeholders to adjust the in-person experience for runners and supporters alike. Prioritizing the safety of participants, volunteers, spectators, and community members, we continue to assess all elements of the race including a potential reduced field size or weekend

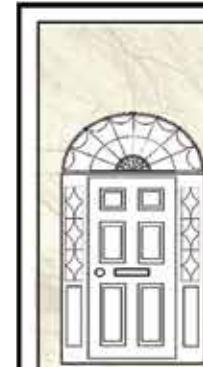
date."

No 2021 date has been selected, however, the B.A.A. will work with local, city, and state officials and members of its COVID-19 Medical & Event Operations Advisory Group to establish under what conditions the next live, in-person Boston Marathon can occur. Before the end of the year, the B.A.A. seeks to announce a new date. Other details such as when registration may open and the field size, pending local regulations and the event plan, will also be forthcoming. Information regarding other 2021 B.A.A. events, including the B.A.A. 5K,

B.A.A. 10K, and B.A.A. Half Marathon, will be announced at a later date.

"We are optimistic that the Boston Marathon will continue its tradition of celebrating the spirit of community and athletic excellence next fall. We know there will be many questions and we will look to address them in the coming months ahead," Grilk said.

The 2020 Boston Marathon, originally scheduled for April 20, was held as a 10-day Virtual Experience after being first postponed, and later canceled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The stairway, railing, and wall in the last clue are in front of 226 Beacon Street. The website BackBayHouses.org explains that it, "... was built ca. 1864 for dry goods merchant and cotton broker George Phineas Upham, one of two contiguous houses (226-228 Beacon) designed as a symmetrical pair." If you take a walk by today, you'll have to look carefully to see what remains of the matching design.

The next clue will be found in the Kenmore neighborhood.

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	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Salmon, Kimberley E	Biebuyck, Jean-Marie	157 Beacon St #1	\$637,500
Fleming, Laura	Sockolich, Paula	190 Beacon St #1	\$390,000
Butler, Michael D	Conway, James F	2 Clarendon St #506	\$810,000
Eastern Development LLC	Sandison, Gary L	265-275 Dartmouth St #6D	\$550,000
Le, Justine	Cargo, Michael	63 Dartmouth St #3	\$1,555,000
Oliverio, John	Townhouse Studios LLC	199 Marlborough St #302	\$465,000
Tweedy, Robin	Strauss, David C	80 Marlborough St #5	\$542,000
Evangelisti, Giorgia	Cravero, Joseph P	92 Saint Botolph St #4	\$1,420,000
BEACON HILL			
Michaels, Nancy	Clemans, Katherine H	21 Beacon St #4H	\$850,000
Shinde, Chetan	Zoe Barry 2017 T	48 Beacon St #1R	\$1,452,000
Lolastar LLC	Lee Gim Y Est	18-18A Grove St	\$1,350,000
Adusumilli FT	Mccarthy RET	9 Hawthorne Pl #16R	\$605,000
Bolter, Margaret	Knopf, Claude C	97 Mount Vernon St #33	\$849,000
J&J Revere Street LLC	Dimmitt, Cornelia	37 Revere St #3	\$525,000
Wedge, Amy T	8-14 Temple Street LLC	12 Temple St #12	\$589,000
20 West Cedar Street NT	Malt, R Bradford	20 W Cedar St	\$4,550,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Appleton Holdings 1 LLC	Russell, Gordon B	71 Appleton St #1	\$1,425,600
Dunn, Margaret	Singleton, Heidi A	17 Cazenove St #204	\$560,000
Fox, Joshua	K M Majzoub 2007 FT	1 Charles St S #9E	\$2,275,000
Belsky, Sheila	Au Isabella LLC	11 Isabella St #3	\$1,110,000
Dowd, Kyle R	Jenks, Stephen M	14 Cumston St #14	\$2,600,000
Jagannathan, Vani	Amarante, Nicholas	5 Durham St #4	\$1,530,000
Khandelwal, Parag	Highline 37 Dwight LLC	37 Dwight St #1	\$3,100,000
Fleishman, Aaron S	Highline 37 Dwight LLC	37 Dwight St #2	\$2,150,000
Mundt, Adam	7 Keswick Street LLC	7 Keswick St #2	\$1,217,000
Cain, Sean P	Aldous, Stephen	1 Primus Ave #11	\$1,315,000
37 U1 Rutland Square LLC	Hurhula, Brian	37 Rutland Sq #1&2	\$2,425,000
Reney, Michael	Hurhula, Danielle	37 Rutland Sq #A	\$125,000
Lam, Robert	Bane, Harrison	450 Shawmut Ave	\$2,900,000
Disciullo, Michelle	Garside, William	588 Tremont St #2	\$2,350,000
Shulman-Laniel, Stephen	Smith, Mark T	20 Union Park #1	\$1,195,000
Breuer, Dominic J	Disciullo, Phillip	32 Union Park #4	\$1,470,000
Barris, Chris	William Ralph Prop LLC	46 Upton St #2	\$713,000
Constable, Neil	201 West Brookline 201	201 W Brookline St #201	\$4,275,000
Tobin, Benjamin	Burns, Jeremy	17 Worcester St #7	\$985,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Malihi, Ali	Yazbek, Tina	65 E India Row #18C	\$850,000
Gogos, Steven T	Elmaleh, Agnieszka S	85 E India Row #27E	\$650,000
Andrews, Isaiah S	Freed, Jared D	1 Franklin St #2208	\$2,250,000
Sasso, Dennis	Sean D OConnor FT	10 Hanover Ave #3	\$1,137,500
Ahearn, Jennifer	Halmkin, Barbara J	151 Tremont St #18R	\$1,149,000
Real Tea LLC	Tremont Commercial 1 LLC	170 Tremont St #C2	\$1,800,000
Chebli, Michel	580 Wa St Unit 1414	580 Washington St #711	\$792,500
LEGAL NOTICE			
Notice of Self Storage Sale	unit #2113; Juan A Ruiz	Gray unit #3319; John C	BS
Please take notice	unit #3017; Lawrence J	Reilly unit #3320; Sherlie	
Prime Storage - Boston	Sullivan unit #3029; An-	Jean-Louis unit #4039;	
Southampton St. located	tonio Roman unit #3038;	Konrad Millidge unit	
at 100 Southampton St.,	Shamara Rhodes unit	#4095; Norberto Calderon	
Boston, MA 02118 intends	#3050; Gary Brooks unit	unit #4097; Ernest Ruiz	
to hold an auction to	#3069; David Irizarry unit	unit #4159; Anthony	
sell the goods stored by	#3118; John Lomax unit	Williams unit #4215; Kerri	
the following tenants	#3128; Darrell Johnson	Jones unit #4239; Antonio	
at the storage facility.	unit #3135; Aaron Williams	Anthony unit #4307; Ryan	
The sale will occur as an	unit #3164; Renard Roy	Barboza unit #4309;	
online auction via www.	unit #3172; Amy Hill unit	James Barrett unit #4311;	
storagegettreasures.com on	#3189; George Morton unit	Henry Furtado units #5038	
11/9/2020 at 12:00 PM.	#3255; Crystal White unit	& #5045. All property is	
Unless stated otherwise	#3267; Michael P Obrien	being stored at the above	
the description of the	unit #3304; Gilda Cabral	self-storage facility. This	
contents are household	unit #3306; Jacqueline	sale may be withdrawn at	
goods and furnishings. Michael	Abate unit #3307; Julio	any time without notice.	
Kaplan unit #1061; Denis	Pagan unit #3308; Eric	Certain terms and condi-	
Mejia/D. A. Mejia Painting	Lamarche unit #3312;	tions apply. See manager	
	Marie Molea Anthony	for details.	
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LEGAL NOTICE			
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Please take notice	unit #3017; Lawrence J	Reilly unit #3320; Sherlie	Gloddy unit #247; Isidro
Prime Storage - Boston	Sullivan unit #3029; An-	Jean-Louis unit #4039;	Gonzalez unit #258; Dallas
Southampton St. located	tonio Roman unit #3038;	Konrad Millidge unit	Medlock unit #277; Sharon
at 100 Southampton St.,	Shamara Rhodes unit	#4095; Norberto Calderon	Glover unit #313; Jamal
Boston, MA 02118 intends	#3050; Gary Brooks unit	unit #4097; Ernest Ruiz	Rahmeen unit #322; Larry
to hold an auction to	#3069; David Irizarry unit	unit #4159; Anthony	Haught unit #365; David
sell the goods stored by	#3118; John Lomax unit	Williams unit #4215; Kerri	Leech unit #370; Michael
the following tenants	#3128; Darrell Johnson	Jones unit #4239; Antonio	Crovello unit #423; Xihao
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Two men charged, held without bail in Back Bay shooting

By Lauren Bennett

On Tuesday afternoon, Boston Police D-4 officers arrested two individuals after responding to a call that shots were fired near Fairfield and Newbury Streets in the Back Bay at about 3:54pm.

According to the police report, officers were told that two possible male suspects were seen running down Newbury Street towards the Boston Common, and witnesses told officers that the men were seen heading down a public alley between Commonwealth Ave-

nue and Newbury St.

"Officers were directed to Public Alley 434 where they observed two males matching both suspect descriptions running in the alley, towards Public Alley 437. Officers entered Public Alley 437, where they were able to detain one suspect, identified as Rashawn Bly, 24 years old, from Boston," the report stated. Officers were granted roof access on a building, where they saw a male laying on the ground in the yard of 24 Commonwealth Avenue, matching the description of the second potential suspect. The

man was identified as 23-year-old Walter Coleman, also of Boston.

The report states that a black firearm was found in a closed recycling bin at the back of 173 Newbury St., also known as Public Alley 434. "The firearm, a Beretta 9mm was found to be in the "lock back" position, with the slide fully extended backward," according to the report.

A witness told officers that gunfire between Bly and Coleman, as well as two other unidentified individuals, was observed. Ballistic damage to

vehicles was also discovered by officers in the area reported by the call.

Both Bly and Coleman were charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, firearm discharged within 500 feet of dwelling, two counts of assault with dangerous weapon, and each were charged with several other charges as well.

Bly and Coleman were arraigned on October 28 and held without bail, pending a dangerousness hearing on Wednesday November 4, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

Elliott Laffer, Chair of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, called the incident "unusual, but not unprecedented." He said that he "appreciates the work of the police in apparently finding the alleged perpetrators quickly."

Laffer said that if there was any good news from the situation, it was that the most damage was done to property and that nobody was hurt.

"We don't think that this is a reflection of a safety issue in the Back Bay," he said.

For the Record

CORONAVIRUS

UPDATE: Due to public health concerns, the hearings that normally would be held on a week have been postponed or canceled due to the guidance of Mayor Martin Walsh and the order of Gov. Charlie Baker. Some meetings, however, have been moved to an online or teleconference format under the emergency order on the Open Meeting Law issued by Gov. Baker.

SUPER SITES FOR BPS MEALS

Beginning October 26, BPS Super Sites open for Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. BPS families can pick up free breakfasts and lunches. Some locations also provide free toiletries and free groceries on select days.

•FENWAY

Boston Latin School – 78 Avenue Louis Pasteur

•SOUTH END

Boston Chinese Evangelical Church, 120 Shawmut Ave. Wednesdays 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Chinatown location at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School near the South End is open on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

From the Oct. 29, BPL McKim Building Master Plan meeting, online, 6:30 p.m.:

•The Boston Public Library and Public Facilities Department will host a virtual community meeting to introduce the McKim Building Master Plan. This study will look comprehensively at the programming and functions of key pub-

lic spaces in the Boston Public Library's McKim Building, with a view to repair, renovation, and re-imagination.

General Election Day, Nov. 3. – Polls Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

From the Nov. 2 South End Landmarks Advisory Review Hearing, 5 p.m., via Zoom ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/88607081943](https://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/88607081943)):

•41 Berkeley Street - Developer Related Beal and architects Hacin and Associates will present their preliminary design for the redevelopment of the triangular parcel(s) bounded by Tremont Street, Berkeley Street, and Appleton Street.

VIRTUAL TREE REMOVAL HEARING - FENWAY / KENMORE

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 10:30 a.m. on a request to remove one public shade tree in the Fenway. The request is for the removal of one Hornbeam tree measuring 2.5 inches dbh (diameter at breast height) adjacent to 74 Kilmarnock Street as part of the 60-80 Kilmarnock Street residential project at the corner of Kilmarnock and Queensberry Streets in the Fenway.

From the Nov. 5 South End Landmarks Hearing, 5:30 p.m., online via Zoom ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89676523476](https://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89676523476)):

Please note: This hearing is rescheduled from Tuesday, November 3, 2020, in obser-

vance of Election Day.

DESIGN REVIEW

34 Clarendon Street. Continued from 3/03/2020 SELDC Public Hearing. Proposed work: At the front and rear façade which faces a public street, replace six-over-six wood windows.

•11 East Newton St. (Tentative - pending subcommittee review). Continued from 8/04/2020 SELDC Public Hearing. Proposed work: At the roof install solar collectors and associated safety railings; at the side elevation install associated piping.

•54-102 West Newton St. Continued from 8/04/2020 SELDC Public Hearing. Proposed Work: Replace aluminum storefront systems at 25 row-houses with wood doors, transoms, and sidelights; and replace handrails (modify Certificate of Design Approval).

•12 Concord Sq. Proposed work: Construct a roof deck.

•135 Dartmouth St. Proposed work: Replace a single acorn light fixture/ utility pole with double acorn light fixture/ utility pole and antennae.

•535-539 Shawmut Ave. Proposed work: Install new signage at the storefront.

•16 Lawrence St. Proposed work: Construct a roof deck; replace historic windows.

•Mass/Cass 2.0 Task Force Pubic meeting, Nov. 9, 6 p.m., online via Zoom.

OUTDOOR DINING EXTENSION

The Mayor announced an extension of the Outdoor Dining

Program beyond its original end date of October 31. Restaurants

using private outdoor space can continue to do so for the duration of the public health emergency. And restaurants using public space on streets and sidewalks can continue until December 1. The City will also waive application fees for the use of outdoor propane heaters in dining areas. Restaurants will still need a permit from the Fire Department, and safety regulations around their use will remain in place. Restaurants can use electric heaters without a permit, as long as no cords are crossing sidewalks.

FIRST THURSDAYS AT THE GARDNER MUSEUM

First Thursdays are back at the Gardner Museum! Entry is free on the first Thursday of each month from 3-9 p.m., however, timed ticket reservations are required and guests must adhere to all safety protocols once inside. Visit the museum's ticket website to reserve now.

FREE BPS BREAKFAST IN SOUTH END/FENWAY

Students who wish to get a free breakfast Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 am.,

have three sites to choose from in the South End and Fenway. This is the BPS initiative, but other organizations are also serving meals in the area as well.

•Blackstone Elementary School – 380 Shawmut Ave. (South End).

•Boston Chinese Evangelical Church, 120 Shawmut Ave. (Monday, Weds., and Friday only – South End).

•Boston Latin School – 78 Avenue Louis Pasteur (Fenway).

REPORTING WORKPLACE SAFETY CONCERN

•Workers in any size organization have options if they feel they are being pressured into an unsafe situation. Attorney General Maura Healey has created resources for workers to report safety concerns during reopening. They include an online form at the Attorney General's website and a dedicated Fair Labor hotline at 617-727-3465. People can also find those resources by calling 311.

•HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM PROPERTY

Since taking office in 2014, Mayor Walsh has made fixing quality of life issues a priority in his administration. From investing in Public Works to making sure community policing

is a staple in every neighborhood, we are making sure every neighborhood is clean,

safe and a great place to live and work in. Unfortunately some properties in Boston

need more help than others, and that's why we are here. If you know of a property that

fits one of the following criteria: multiple calls to 911, one that's blighted or just a general

concern, we encourage you to reach out to your neighborhood liaison.

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Project Place works to help marginalized populations vote Nov. 3

By Seth Daniel

Voting can be aggravating when polling places change locations, or there are long lines to wait in on a presidential election, but those are nothing like the barriers some encounter when they don't have an address, or perhaps they've just come out of jail and don't realize they can vote by law in Massachusetts.

Barriers to voting have been a major issue in the current election cycle, but they have been in place for decades when it comes to the marginalized

populations trying to get back on their feet with the help of organizations like Project Place in the South End.

It being a year to break down barriers, Project Place decided to launch an effort to help their clients register and get to the polls.

"I think the staff realized there are a lot of individuals that aren't aware of whether or not they can vote and how to access resources to be able to vote and to know where to go to vote on Election Day," said Aaryn Manning, director

(PROJECT PLACE, Pg. 3)

SAVE THE TREES ON MELNEA CASS



PHOTO BY SETH DANIEL

David Holzman hugs a tree tight on Melnea Cass Boulevard last Saturday afternoon for an in-person action meant to hammer home the continued support by residents of Roxbury and the South End for not chopping down more than 150 mature trees to make way for a road and bike lane rehabilitation project. Scores of residents turned out—with some interested parties coming from New Hampshire—to send a message to save the trees and come up with an alternate plan. See more photos on Page 6.

JAZZ CONCERT AT WORCESTER SQUARE

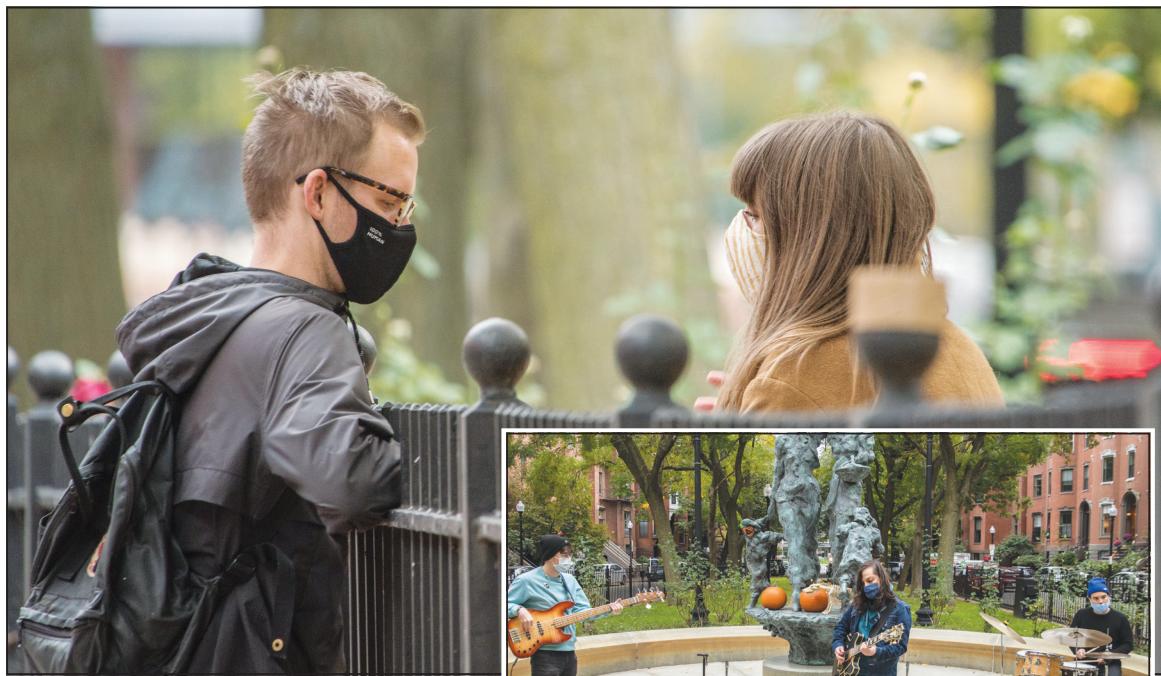


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Neighbors Christopher Peter and Jaime Watson listened to live jazz and chatted over the Worcester Square fence, catching up with what's new after a long hiatus away from neighborhood events—with the Worcester Square summer concert series being cancelled. Neighbors in Worcester Square gathered in a socially-distant outdoor concert last Sunday, Oct. 25. Inset: The band featured for this concert was Orchid Reed: Alan "Speedy" Peralta, Santiago Lopez, and Fernando Pellegrini who performed jazz and easy music for the neighborhood to enjoy. See more photos on Page 7.



Residents speak out after partnership announced for more redevelopment around Fenway Park

By Lauren Bennett

On October 19, Fenway Sports Group Real Estate, '47 Brand—owned by the D'Angelo family—and WS Development announced a partnership to redevelop parcels of land

around Fenway Park.

According to a press release from the partners, "the new joint venture will redevelop several sites totaling approximately 5 acres within close proximity to Fenway Park, located on Jersey Street, Brookline

Avenue, Van Ness Street, and Lansdowne Street while representing the historic fabric and character of the area around Fenway Park. The development review process is expected to

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Next year's Boston Marathon postponed until fall 2021

Staff Report

There will be no grand, long-distance finishes of the Boston Marathon on Boylston Street this coming spring, but maybe in the fall of 2021.

The Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) has announced that the 125th Boston Mara-

thon, traditionally held on the third Monday in April—Patriots' Day in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—will be postponed until at least the fall of 2021.

The B.A.A., which has been meeting regularly with its COVID-19 Medical & Event Operations Advisory Group to

determine when and how the Boston Marathon can be held again, will begin working with local, city, and state officials, sponsors, organizing committee members, and other stakeholders to determine if a fall 2021 date is feasible.

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EDITORIAL

BE SURE TO VOTE

Okay -- this is it.

The long presidential campaign has come to an end and it will all be over by the time this newspaper is published next week.

Although a record-breaking number of Americans already have taken advantage of the availability of early-voting and voting by mail, there still are many voters who have not cast their ballots.

So here's a reminder:

-- Early voting in person is available in every city and town in Massachusetts through this Friday, October 30. Each town and city clerk will set its own hours each day for early voting, so every voter should check for their community's early-voting schedule.

-- Those who intend to vote by mail must have their ballot envelope postmarked by Election Day, November 3, AND it must be received by election officials by November 6.

-- For those who wish to vote the old-fashioned way on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, the polls in every city and town across the state will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Our democracy only works if we make it work -- and that means getting out to vote.

IT'S US VS. THE VIRUS

The stunning announcement this week by Trump administration officials that they will be doing nothing to halt the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic has grave implications both for the health of every American and for the U.S. economy.

With an average of 1000 Americans dying every day and record-high levels of sickness overwhelming hospitals all across the country, no one is safe from contracting the virus.

What does this mean?

First and foremost, both first and second-level responders -- police and firefighters are in the first category, hospital workers are in the second -- will be at huge risk for contracting the virus. COVID-19 already is the single-biggest cause of deaths among police officers this year and with the pandemic now completely out-of-control, the situation only will get worse.

Second, essential workers, such as teachers and certain retail employees, also will be at high risk for contracting the virus.

Third, senior citizens and those with pre-existing conditions basically will be confined to their homes until they receive a proven vaccine, which is not expected to be widely available until some time next in the late spring or early summer. Family gatherings for the holidays and other occasions simply are not safe for anybody, especially older Americans.

Fourth, the travel, entertainment, and hospitality industry will be all but finished without massive aid from the federal government. Small restaurants and businesses that were able to make it through the summer will face an impossible winter season.

Fifth, unemployment will remain exceedingly high and many Americans will struggle just to feed their families and pay their rent, mortgages, and car payments without massive government assistance.

Sixth, those who need urgent care for other health reasons -- such as heart attacks, cancer treatment, and accidents -- will be placed at risk because ICU and emergency rooms will be filled with COVID-19 patients.

Seventh, state and local governments will be facing huge deficits and will be unable to maintain essential services such as public transportation without massive federal aid.

President Trump has been saying at his rallies in recent days that we are "rounding the corner" in the battle against the virus, a phrase he has been using since last spring.

But at this point, we have rounded so many Trumpian corners, it is clear that we are just running in circles.



GUEST OP-ED

This November 3, make sure your voice is heard

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

We are slowly approaching the most important day of the year: Election Day. This year, although we'll be voting under different circumstances because of the COVID-19 pandemic, please be assured the City of Boston is doing everything within our power to make sure you can make your voice heard with your vote. November 3, 2020 is a special date. The lives of families, businesses and communities are on the line. Voting is more important than ever before, and we need to elect officials who are able to help ensure Boston's response and recovery from COVID-19 so we can restore our normal lives.

This election includes the following races: Senator in Congress, Representative in Congress, Governor's Councillors, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court, Register of Probate, and Office of the President of the Unit-

ed States. Additionally, there are two ballot questions: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Motor Vehicle Mechanical Data & Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Ranked-Choice Voting.

This election cycle, all Massachusetts residents have been given the option to vote by mail, as well as many options to return their ballots either by mail, at an early voting site, or at a dropbox near you. We have had a robust early voting schedule, with dozens of neighborhood locations open for any Boston registered voter during weekdays and weekends. We even had Fenway Park as one of them, where over 4,000 Bostonians chose to cast their ballots. As of October 26, voter turnout in Boston stands at 24 percent. If you still haven't cast your ballot yet, there's still time: early voting runs through Friday, October 30, and if you have your ballot, you can still drop it off at a dropbox by 8

p.m. on November 3. You can also still vote in person, at your assigned polling place, on Election Day.

All polling locations in Boston are operating under COVID-19 safety guidelines: poll workers will receive face shields, face masks, gloves, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer. Cleaning will take place at each site every two to three hours. Voters waiting in line will be instructed to stand six feet away from others and wear a face covering. On Election Day, polling locations are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Every vote counts. I encourage everyone to vote whether by mail or in-person. The City of Boston depends on your vote. For more information on how to participate in this year's elections, please visit boston.gov/elections.

Martin Walsh is the Mayor of the City of Boston

Early voting last weekend proved popular once again

By Seth Daniel

Duplicating the excitement of early voting in the Septem-

ber Primary Elections, more than 2,000 voters came out last Saturday and Sunday to the Copley Square library for

the downtown neighborhood's only early voting opportunity — logging more than 10 percent of the total early votes on either

day citywide.

Early voting has been a new addition to the last several elections, but it has been immensely popular this year citywide and in the neighborhoods due to the desire to spread out and not wait in long lines on Election Day providing greater risk for COVID-19.

Of course, on the ballot for the Nov. 3 General Election is the hotly contested presidential election — which drove turnout even higher.

The following are the turnout totals at Copley Square last weekend, compared to citywide turnout on the same day.

•Saturday, October 24 at Copley Square Library: 1,204 out of 9,303 citywide that day.

•Sunday, October 25 at Harvard/Kent School: 1,097 out of 7,927 citywide that day.

Overall, since early voting

started on Oct. 17, there have been 43,910 votes cast as of Monday, Oct. 26. The early-voting period for the Nov. 3 General Election will end on Friday, Oct. 30.

For those who missed the Copley Square dates, there is still an opportunity to vote in person at the City Hall early-vote polling place.

The dates and times for City Hall voting are:

•Thursday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

•Friday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Polling places in the Back Bay, South End, Bay Village and Fenway will be open as usual on the Nov. 3 General Election day. Those polling places are open, with socially-distant protocols and other sanitization protocols in place, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hearing for man accused of setting ballot box on fire

Staff Report

The man charged with setting fire to a Copley Square ballot box was ordered held without bail late yesterday, pending the outcome of a dangerousness hearing on Friday.

In Boston Municipal Court Monday afternoon, prior to moving to revoke Worldly Armand's bail in another open case, the Commonwealth requested that the defendant's counsel be permitted to request a mental health evaluation for his client. Judge Mark Hart Summerville denied the Commonwealth's request.

The Commonwealth then moved to revoke the bail in the open case and requested a dangerousness hearing. Later in the afternoon, a court clinician attempted to speak with the defendant to conduct a competency evaluation. The defendant, however, refused to speak with the clinician. When the clinician reported this meeting

to the court, Judge Summerville declined to send the defendant to Bridgewater for further evaluation.

Armand, 39, who provided the address of a Boston homeless shelter at booking, will have a dangerousness hearing scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2020. Judge Summerville additionally allowed a motion by prosecutors to revoke Armand's bail for 60 days in an open case out of Malden District Court, where he is charged receiving stolen property.

Members of the Boston Police and Fire departments responded to the area of 700 Boylston Street shortly after 4 a.m. Sunday, October 25, to find smoke coming from a ballot box. Prosecutors told the court that the incident was captured by security camera. Images of the individual who placed burning material inside the ballot box were distributed within the Boston Police Department, and officers on patrol in

the Back Bay located Armand wearing the same distinctive clothing worn by the alleged arsonist. Armand was placed under arrest on a warrant out of Ipswich District Court charging receiving stolen property.

"Although this individual appears to be emotionally disturbed without a deliberate or specific intent to intimidate or interfere with the voting process, the ability to vote without interference is central to our democracy. No matter the intent of Armand when he set fire to these ballots, his actions strike a nerve in our society at a time of nearly unprecedented political divisiveness. The destruction of ballots is simply unacceptable," District Attorney Rachael Rollins said.

Any voter concerned that their ballot may have been damaged or destroyed in the incident is urged to contact the City of Boston Election Department at 617-635-8683 or election@boston.gov.

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of Project Place. "We felt we had the bandwidth and team in place to make sure our clients had the help they needed to vote on Nov. 3."

It isn't as easy as it sounds, though, as Project Place often works with individuals coming out of homelessness, or who are re-entering society after long prison terms — among a host of other challenges. In such situations, a client may not have an address — and not having an address becomes a huge barrier to registering and finding out where to go to cast a vote.

"Many of us take an address for granted," she said. "Applying to vote isn't that difficult for us. If you're home address is a shelter or you're living on the street, it might feel like you don't have the chance to vote if you don't have an address."

In fact, those without an address can register to vote, but it's not as easy.

That's where the program at Project Place has helped clients navigate what isn't an easy path

to the polls.

"It takes time, and resources and energy, but we're trying to serve as the helpers to allow these individuals that want to vote this year to take the next steps to do so," she said.

Another key question is about those coming out of jail, a large part of the population that Project Place serves. In many states, those convicted and imprisoned on felony crimes lose the right to vote. Largely unknown is that it isn't the case in Massachusetts.

Manning said upon leaving prison, most everyone resumes the right to vote again.

"The right to vote is reinstated as soon as you are released in Massachusetts," she said.

"There is a lot of misinformation out there about that, and every state is different so it can be confusing. We hear all the time from folks about what they have heard in other states and they don't know what applies in Massachusetts. We constantly say that, but there are still a lot

of questions about this."

Project Place has combatted these barriers by offering online office hours to their clients. The clients are able to talk to counselors there about their personal experiences and barriers to getting registered.

One client from Project Place, who wished to remain anonymous, said they had participated in getting help to vote. It was important, they said, because it was their civic duty and a big part of re-entering society and being a contributor.

"The reason that I voted is because I believe that my vote truly does count, and that it really will bring about change," said the client.

Manning said they are working to try to take the resources to the clients, in addition to the online office hours. She said they have brought voting resources and offered help at local shelters, substance use disorder facilities, to other community partners.



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De-centralization discussion dominates WSANA meeting

By Seth Daniel

Getting the concentration of human services spread out beyond the South End has been a key part of the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) for several years now as the opioid epidemic has worsened, and Tuesday night's meeting was highlighted by a long discussion of what is going on with that — whether working with community health centers on safe needle programs or confronting state facilities about dropping people in Boston.

The spotty progress of decentralization efforts by the City has been well-documented, and the tough stuff of that issue is that no one else in the City or state typically wants to absorb the problems brought to the South End by some clients of those services. On Tuesday night, City officials Gerry Thomas, of the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), Kim Thai, Mass/Cass 2.0 director, and Jen Tracy, of the Office of Recovery Services, appeared at the WSANA meeting for more than an hour to update neighbors about the ongoing battle.

Thomas gave an interesting update on what they're doing to prevent the prisons and mental health facilities in other parts of the state from dropping off clients in Boston — a practice that has been common in the past and one Mayor Martin Walsh has been vocal about ending.

"What we do is we have a triage team when any person or organization discharges someone to our shelter," said Thomas. "We've had in years past people barely able to walk and in a wheelchair left outside the

shelter door at 112 Southampton or Woods-Mullen. It is our job to provide shelter, but they have to make sure they have exhausted every other avenue before discharging here. We're trying to shore that up and make sure there are services in other parts of the state, instead of just discharging to us. It is a work in progress."

She cited 91 diversions in this category that have taken place during the COVID-19 pandemic, but at the same time she said of the 5,000 new shelter guests logged last year, probably 60 percent weren't from Boston.

She said they have had very direct conversation with state agencies like the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Department of Public Health (DPH), Department of Mental Health (DMH) other others about this issue.

"We have said there needs to be help getting more social services to go to so everyone isn't coming to Boston because there is a dearth of services elsewhere," she said.

So far, there have been victories in Worcester County and western Massachusetts, but there is still "weakness" on the South Shore, Lowell and in Middlesex County — unfortunately the areas mostly contributing Mass/Cass infiltration.

Tracy detailed a lot of the work that is going on right now with community health centers — one area where many hope needle exchanges and harm reduction services can be located and more easily accessed, as opposed to having one main facility in the South End.

She said they have identified six to 10 health centers outside

the South End that might participate.

"There are a lot of pieces coming into play, but we are currently working with six and 10 community health centers," she said.

Tracy also detailed some new needle exchange services, including a mobile van by Victory Programs that serves Dorchester and Mattapan, and Project Trust by Boston Medical that's working in Egleston Square.

The shortfall, however, is that some wanted detailed numbers about how many needles are being given out at AHOPE on Albany Street — which is around 75,000 a month — versus the newer programs.

A heated exchange with President George Stergios highlighted that frustration.

"We're not getting numbers, and we don't know," he said. "This could be a good thing and we could be very happy. We need numbers to know."

"The numbers aren't collected in that way," said Tracy.

"They should be collected that way if you want transparency and results," said Stergios, clearly frustrated with the report.

Meanwhile, Member Bob Minnoci said he felt the news delivered was positive.

"It feels positive to me," he said. "It seems more focused and sharpened. It's the most positive I've seen in months, or years perhaps."

By and large, most wanted to get in-depth information on the needle exchange and harm reduction efforts in Worcester Square and the rest of the City. Experts on that are going to be invited to an upcoming meeting, said Vice President Desi Murphy.

St. Botolph Neighborhood Association looks at planned redevelopment of Midtown Hotel

By Dan Murphy

The St. Botolph Neighborhood Association held its first Community Meeting since July virtually on Tuesday, Oct. 27, which included an update on the planned redevelopment of the Midtown Hotel.

National Development is proposing a 10-story building that would span the entire block, said Lee Steele of the Neighborhood Association, containing 325 residential units, ground-floor retail and an underground parking garage with 155 spaces. The site is owned by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, which is leasing it to National Development for the duration of 99 years.

Depending on community feedback, the project could result in the demolition of the adjacent red brownstone building at 1 Cumberland, added Steele, who is serving on the Impact Advisory Group, which advises the Boston Planning and Development Agency on potential impacts and appropriate mitigation for the project, along with Joan Carragher, president of the Neighborhood Association.

"Some consider it an eyesore," Carragher said of the brownstone, "but we want to hear everyone's opinions on it."

Carragher added she is working with Adel Labib, another officer of the Neighborhood Association, to re-launch the group's Safety Committee and said she would soon be meeting with city officials, Boston Police and management of the 7-Eleven at 252 West Newton St. to discuss the problem of persistent panhandling outside the store.

Elsewhere, 100 percent of the lightbulbs have been replaced in South West Corridor Park, and are now operational.

"DCR has done a phenomenal job of replacing the lightbulbs and hopefully they'll be working for as long as any of us are living in the neighbor-

hood," said Lorraine Steele, the Neighborhood Association's treasurer.

While a stronger State Police presence has resulted in fewer homeless encampments in the park, problems still persist there, she said, so a "formal walk-through" of the site with officials is now scheduled for Nov. 5.

The Neighborhood Association is also waiting to hear back from City Councilor Ed Flynn on its request to extend street-sweeping to align with the South End's current schedule beginning next year, Lorraine added.

Gisela Griffith also outlined the Trash Task Force Team's new comprehensive strategy that includes distributing fliers throughout the neighborhood to identify themselves and notifying property managers of ongoing issues at problem locations.

Althea Wagman-Bolster of the newly formed Tree Committee said they have identified trees in neighborhood that need help, and they're now looking for people to sponsor and "mentor" them, as well as five wells that are currently without trees.

"We have great trees in this neighborhood and we need to take care of them," Wagman-Bolster said.

The Neighborhood Association also voted unanimously to update its bylaws, which date back to the '80s, for the first time in more than two decades to include creating of a consolidated document outlining the group's financial procedures, and formalizing the residents of Copley Residence — the housing coop adjoining Copley Place — as members of the group, among other changes.

Meanwhile, the Boston Housing Authority's residential development at 70 St. Botolph St. is slated to undergo renovations, which will be the subject of a Nov. 9 Zoom meeting; more details on this to follow.

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kick off later this year."

While many specifics have yet to be announced, ... "we are thinking about residential, office space, retail, restaurants, and possibly [a] hotel, along with public art and public open space will be the type of spaces that may be included within the five acres of site area," Yanni Tsipis of WS Development told the Sun. "Listening to the community and creating a people-first destination is paramount in our thinking," he added.

"For 20 years, our goal has been to preserve, protect, and enhance the local and national treasure that is Fenway Park," Fenway Sports Group Principal Owner John Henry said in a statement. "We are excited to now fully expand our focus through our partnership with WS and the D'Angelo family as we further contribute to a neighborhood that has transformed over the past two decades. Our partnership's work in the area surrounding the ballpark will have a profound effect on the experience of Red Sox fans and all Bostonians as we create beautiful, dynamic streetscapes that complement the character and significance of Fenway Park."

WS Development is responsible for several projects in the Seaport, including pop-up village The Current, One Seaport apartments and retail, 111 Harbor Way, and 400 Summer Street.

This announcement comes at a time when several other projects are either in the works or slated to begin shortly in the area near Fenway Park, including the Boston Arts Academy, the Scape housing project, and the proposed hotel at 1241 Boylston St., among others.

Some Fenway residents are upset with the lack of community involvement for many of these projects, including this new partnership. While many do not disagree with the need for redevelopment in certain areas of the neighborhood, they say they feel the way developers go about their proposals is what will ultimately matter.

Fenway resident Joanne McKenna told the Sun that though it's still early, she doesn't think the process for this proposed development is off to the right start.

"The Seaport is pretty widely recognized as a development that didn't put creation of community or sense of place at the top of the priority list," she said. "It's a neighborhood that isn't a neighborhood."

She said it's important that the Fenway community express what they would like to see, then evaluate how it "meshes" with the vision of the developers to create a plan that would work for the most people.

Tsipis said that "the announcement that was made is about a long-term partnership, not a project or a timeline. We are certainly eager to engage with our neighbors in the coming weeks and months," as the process has not yet officially been kicked off.

Resident Lauren Dewey Platt said that she had received a call from the Red Sox community engagement team, who gave her a "heads up that this was coming down the pike," she said. "That very day, it shows up in the [Boston] Globe." She said she wishes the community had been notified earlier than the same day the paper released the information.

Fenway resident and activist Kristen Mobilia also said the Red Sox reached out to her the morning that the Globe article was published. She said that there is "a lot of activity to make it seem like they're considerate of the residents," but called it "false action."

McKenna said that "this could be a great opportunity to do some real planning that is advantageous to the Red Sox and property owners and to the community," but "all signs point to the fact that that is not going to happen."

Dewey Platt agreed, and said that there is a "perceived engagement with the community, but it's not real" for many of the projects that have gone through the approval process in the neighborhood.

She said that the community must work with [the developers] in a meaningful way," as the "idea of participating in rubber stamping meetings [is] not a good use of anybody's time," which she said is how she felt about some other development meetings in the neighborhood.

Mobilia said she would like to see a "comprehensive, strategic plan for the neighborhood" as all of these developments

continue to move forward.

"Where's there a true transportation plan for this neighborhood? Where's a school? I don't see one," she said.

The residents said that they would like to see a robust community process moving forward with this proposal. McKenna suggested a community assessment of what the strengths and weaknesses of the neighborhood are, as well as an assessment of the Fenway's many civic groups and community organizations about what their members feel "would be the best way to approach this development."

Questions like who would be able to afford to live or shop at the new development and what kinds of jobs will it create are ones that she thinks should be asked early on.

"I'd like to see a grassroots [effort] from the neighborhood," Dewey Platt said, that would tell the developers what the neighborhood would like to see. "That's not what happened in the Seaport," she said. "It's just a shame and it really shouldn't be this way."

Mobilia said she would like to see things like a daycare center in the neighborhood, as well as a post office on this side, along with more local shops. "We have one of the largest older adult populations in the city—we need things close by," she said, instead of more "boutique" retail space

that many people cannot afford to patronize.

She also said that while the Fenway Community Center is already a great space for the neighborhood, an even larger space would be beneficial for meeting the community's needs.

"We look to our elected officials for support as we push back against this," McKenna said. "I hope they'll agree that a real community process is the best way to approach this."

Mobilia added, "this project really represents a lot. Will the city finally stand up for this neighborhood?"

Mobilia and Dewey Platt said that a group of residents have been asking the Red Sox for "an enforceable neighborhood agreement" for years, according to Dewey Platt, who hails from Chicago and said that the Chicago Cubs have a neighborhood agreement with the surrounding area.

"There have to be resident voices in the planning process for our neighborhood," Dewey Platt said. "There absolutely must be the resident perspective and it has to play a huge role in how these parcels are developed."

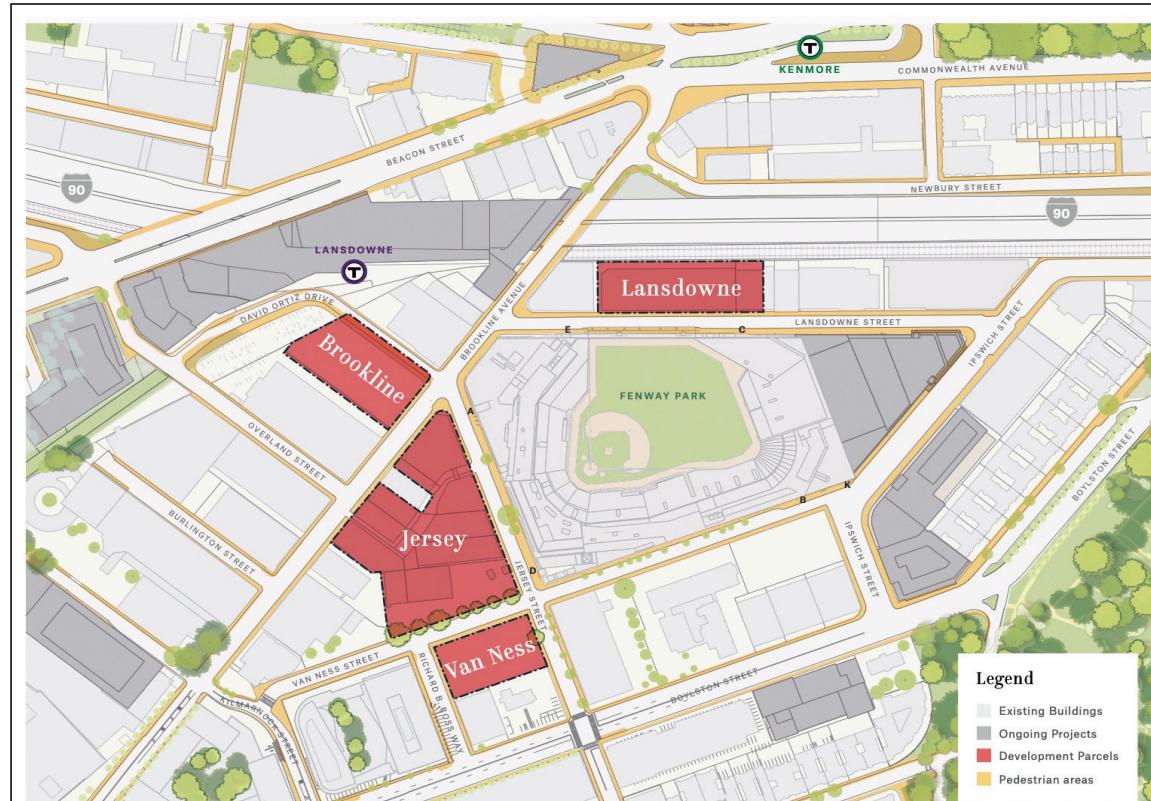
Dewey Platt expressed her frustration with community processes for other projects in the neighborhood, saying that "it's not a discussion, it's a presentation. They tell the commu-

nity what they're going to do."

These residents say they hope the process for this partnership will be different moving forward, and that the community will have a true stake in what gets developed on these parcels, as well as be able to work with both the developers and the city agencies responsible for the approvals.

"The idea for this partnership has been in discussion for many years and the parcels involved provide an opportunity to plan in a holistic, comprehensive, and thoughtful way, which is very important to us," Tsipis said.

"As a Fenway resident who has watched our neighborhood, in fact, most of our city, undergo radical change with never-ceasing construction, worsening congestion and noise, skyrocketing rents and home prices, more wind and shadow even on our public parks and open space, and a seeming carte blanche to build bigger, higher and more densely than I ever thought would happen in Boston, I am of course concerned about what WS Development will propose on behalf of Fenway Sports Group and the D'Angelo family," said Dolores Boogdanian, Fenway resident and president of the Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association. "The real concern, however, is what the BRA and the Zoning Commission are going to approve."



COURTESY OF WS DEVELOPMENT
A map of the Fenway Park area, with parcels proposed to be redeveloped shaded in red.

HUG THOSE TREES: SCORES SHOW UP IN ACTION TO 'SAVE MELNEA'S TREES'

By Seth Daniel

The Friends of Melnea Cass and a number of community members intent on saving a grove of mature trees on Melnea Cass Boulevard gathered Saturday afternoon for a protest action to let the City know they haven't forgotten the latest promise. The trees have been slated to be removed – some 150 of mature trees along the Boulevard – in order to accommodate a reconstruction of the Boulevard that will include more roadway space to accommodate bike lanes and cars in either direction. There was a plan to add 200 new trees in the process of the project, but residents have fought back against the measure – getting a recent victory when the City agreed to put the clear-cutting on pause to come up with an alternative.

That alternative was sup-

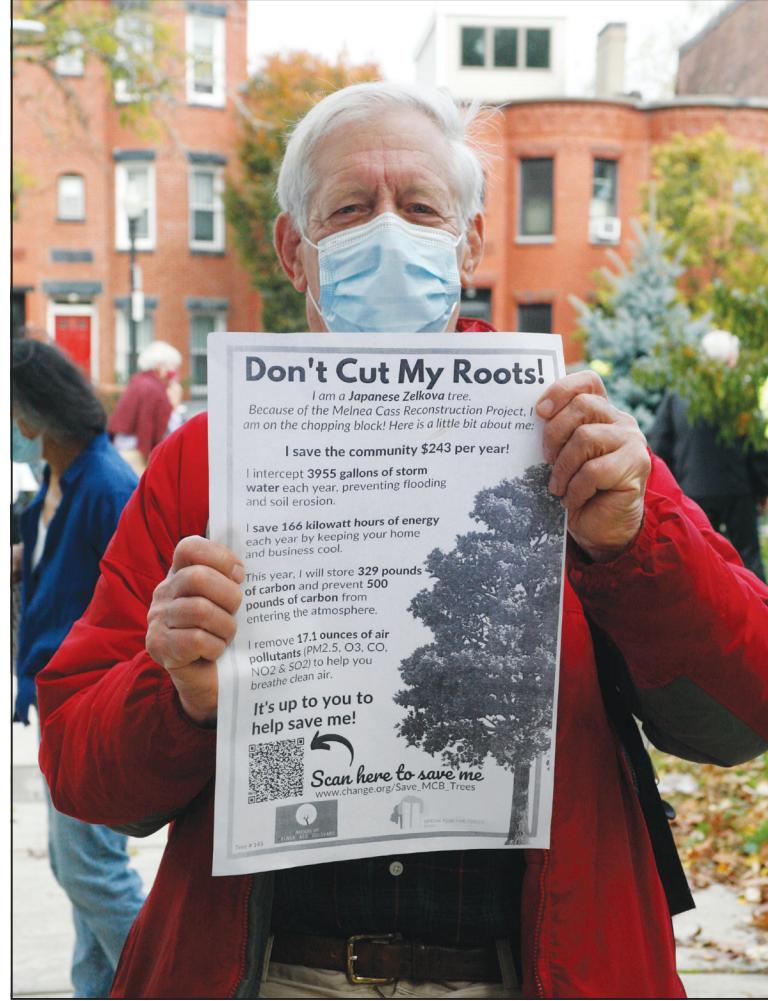


David Meshoulam, of Speak for the Trees, said they were out to remind the City they haven't forgotten about the promise to come up with an alternative plan.

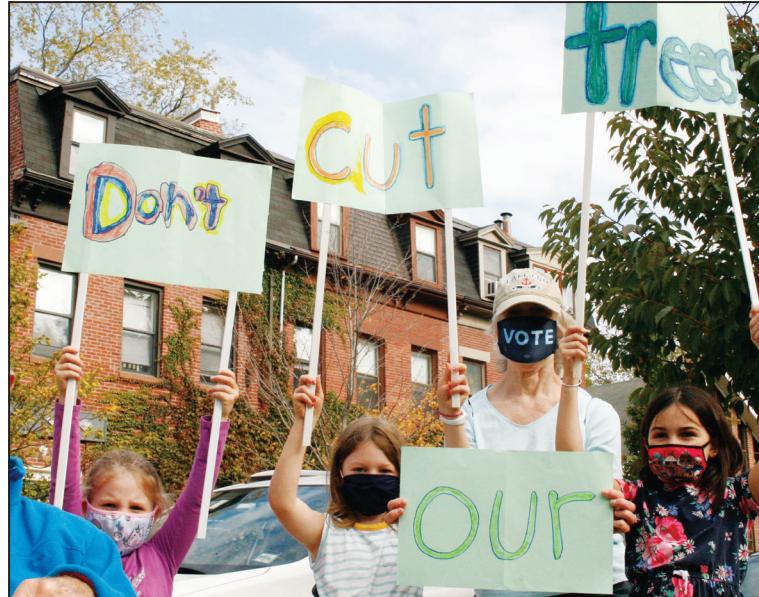


Shown above: Yvonne Lalyre, who lives near Melnea Cass and has a community garden plot there, has been fighting against losing the trees for years. Here, as part of the protest on Saturday, she led a community dance to celebrate the trees.

Shown right: Al Martin displays the posters created by the group looking to save the trees.



Protesters cross the Boulevard at one point to have the South End and Roxbury unite as traffic stopped.



The message is clear when it comes to these folks. Shown here are Jim O'Donnell, Grace Blair, Maggie Blair, Carol Blair and Eliana Luna.

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Bob Barney of Claremont in the South End shows his support for the trees and rallies drivers to the cause.



Alison Barnet got the message across quite clearly, as Pam Sinotte looks on during the socially-distant protest.

JAZZ AT THE SQUARE! WORCESTER SQUARE GETS A SOCIALLY-DISTANT CONCERT



Neighbors John Stillwagon and Craig Hughes open the gates to the Worcester Square Park for those who wished to enter.



Pamela Mason and Rebecca Leibowitz had an impromptu picnic on their stoop.



Worcester Square residents Fernando Requena and Daniel Sugarman enjoy the music.



Gabriela Criese and Arthur Celestin camp out to enjoy the music and light refreshments together.



Shown above: Mike, Molly, and Nancy Thorsen found a designated spot to keep their party away from the others.



Shown to the left: Stephanie Mordaunt kept her four-legged friend Reggie warm while they listened to the music on their stoop.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The COVID Pandemic has affected everyone worldwide throughout 2020. All official events in Boston were cancelled in March and everyone has endured the lockdown. In lieu of the cancelled concert series in Worcester Square, an Autumn Concert was organized by the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA). The promotion of the event was minimal and spaces were marked to ensure the audience would remain socially distant. Music was provided by Orchid Reed, a trio of Berklee graduates who performed light jazz numbers.



Brick and his human, Roberto Portocarrero, came out to get a better look at the concert.



Tricia Wurster, Mark Cuper, John Bush, and Ray Sundstrom spend some time listening to the music on their stoop.

étant continues to serve South End, thanks to Stacy Koeppel employee-turned-owner

By Dan Murphy

When Stacy Koeppel got word that étant, Spa for Well Being would close at the end of September, she couldn't just passively watch the longstanding South End business where she had worked as the spa director for the past five years call it a day, so she decided to try her hand at running it instead.

She and her husband, Seth, were scheduled to host a dinner party at their Union Park home last month on the day that Stacy learned that étant was closing after its longtime owner, Scott St. Cyr, abruptly closed the business at 524 Tremont St. following that evening's shift.

St. Cyr had finally decided to relocate to Palm Springs, Calif., after commuting back and forth between there and Boston for a number of years, but his decision to move would also put 14 employees out of work.

"I was devastated because some of the employees had been with him since the beginning, and they were panicking," Stacy said.

Conversation at the dinner party quickly turned to Stacy's work situation, and Seth and the other guests encouraged her to take over the business, and to rehire all the employees back at the same wages, and working the same hours.

"It also made sense because we live right around the corner," said Stacy, who first befriended St. Cyr via the South End Business Alliance around 15 years ago, when she was running the organization and he served on its board.

When St. Cyr decided he needed someone to keep an eye on étant when he was out of town, he hired Stacy (on a part-time basis to start), and since then, Stacy said she has remained "behind the scenes" of what she describes as "a wonderful neighborhood gem for the past 23 years, offering massage therapy, esthetics, waxing, acupuncture, and other related services," while Jeanne Olivier manages the front desk as Chief Greeter and People Mover.

Stacy and Seth, who bought



Stacy Koeppel, the spa director and co-owner of the South End's étant, Spa for Well Being, is seen with Jeanne Olivier, a 23-year employee whom Koeppel describes as the "face" of the business.

the business together, had long discussed her taking over the reins of étant, but she said the pandemic, along with St. Cyr's decision to move out West, fast-tracked the plan, but more importantly, Stacy also had St. Cyr's blessing in to succeed him as the business owner.

"Scott and I are close friends so I'm basically carrying on his legacy and carrying on the name, which is important to people," Stacy said. "And basically, it's transparent to the community because everything's the same - it's just under new ownership."

And so far, the transition has been seamless.

"We're taking the uttermost precautions during the pandemic," she said. "We're already a heavily regulated industry, and we're just taking it one step further to keep people safe."

Stacy added, "People are starting to get more comfortable, and now, it's business as usual."

Visit www.etant.com to book an appointment, or to learn more about étant.



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Positive COVID-19 test rate up 5 percent in Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods

By John Lynds

As COVID-19 cases spike once again in Boston the positive test rate in the Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods are up once again according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

While Back Bay's COVID-19 positive test rate was decreasing steadily for the past few weeks the numbers have once again jumped in the neighborhood and increased 5 percent last week, fulfilling the prophecy of health care experts that a city-wide spike would occur.

Last week the BPHC reported that 27,172 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 2.1 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 5 percent increase from the 2 percent testing positive as reported two weeks ago. The citywide average was 6.2 percent, up nearly 9 percent from the 5.7 percent that tested positive two weeks ago.

Overall since the pandemic began 2.7 percent of Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West

End and Downtown residents were found to be COVID positive.

The infection rate in the Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods increased 3.65 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

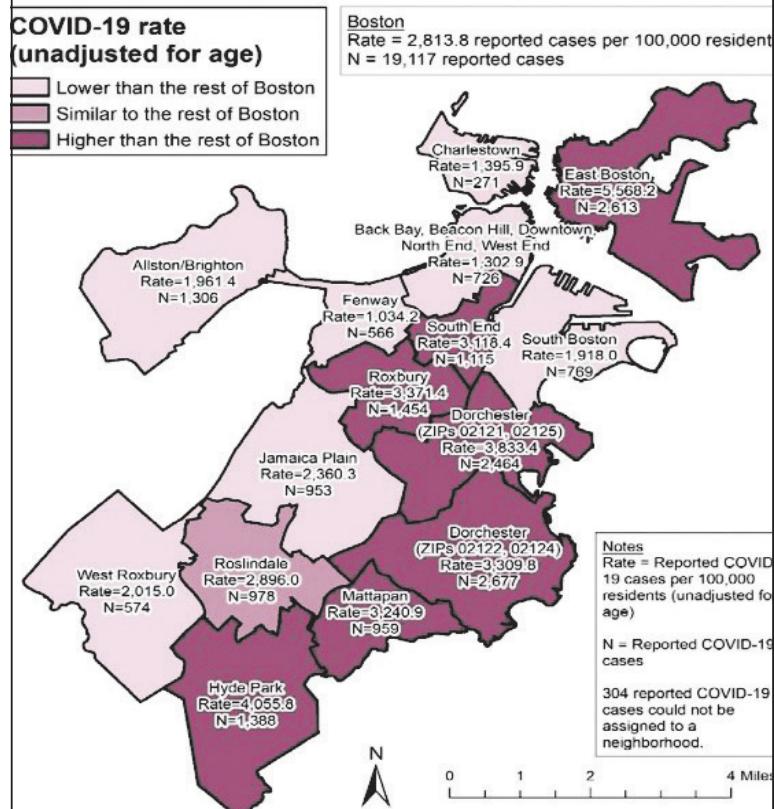
The BPHC data released last Friday showed Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 130.5 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 125.9 cases per 10,000 residents.

Twenty-four more residents became infected with the virus and the total number of cases in the area increased from 702 cases to 726 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus rose by 5.5 percent last week from 18,834 cases to

19,880 confirmed cases. So far 17,122 Boston residents have fully recovered from the virus. The total number of fatalities in the city remains at 777.



On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.



HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

BACK BAY WON'T CLOSE MARLBOROUGH FOR HALLOWEEN

NABB and the Friends of the Clarendon Street Playground work with the City Transportation Department and the District D-4 Police Department to close Marlborough Street to vehicular traffic, allowing safe trick-or-treating for children and their families on Halloween.

This year, the group will not close the street for trick-or-treat due to precautions for COVID-19.

"This year, because of Covid-19, we feel it irresponsible to promote door-to-door trick-or-treating because of the consequences that it could bring

to our neighbors and trick-or-treaters, and so we will not be closing the streets as usual," read a statement from NABB.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website offers guidelines for Halloween. These guidelines offer ideas on low-risk activities that can offer safe Halloween enjoyment for your children.

NABB VIRTUAL HALLOWEEN

Please join the Friends of the Clarendon Street Playground on Saturday, October 31, at 4 p.m. for a special presentation of virtual Halloween Stories and Magic. Host Daniel Berger-Jones, from Cambridge Historical Tours, will present 30 minutes of family-friendly

ghost stories peppered with jokes and local history. Magician Evan Northup will also perform a few magic tricks. Please register for this free event at: playground@nabbonline.com A link will be sent to participants for the program.

We hope you will be able to join us for this fun and festive presentation.

MAYOR WALSH AND BOSTON PARKS DEPARTMENT VIRTUAL PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Mayor Walsh, along with the Boston Parks Department, is holding a virtual pumpkin carving contest this year. Winners will be chosen from three categories: Most Creative, Scar-

iest, and Boston-Parks themed. Winners will receive an iPad sponsored by Xfinity. Photos of carved pumpkins can be submitted until 11:59pm on October 31. For the full list of rules and instructions, visit boston.gov/pumpkins.

FEED THE MONSTER

The City will offer "Feed the Monster" pumpkin composting events to encourage residents to compost their pumpkins into soil that will be used in a community garden in the city.

Locations:

Monday, November 2, 10am-1pm—Boston Common (parade ground)

Wednesday, November 4, 10am-1pm—Franklin Park (Shattuck Picnic area)

Thursday, November 5,

10am-1pm—Moakley Park FENWAY CDC EAT & TREAT

Grab & Go Halloween!
Friday, October 30, 6 - 8 pm
Outside Fenway CDC's office

70 Burbank Street, Boston, MA 02115

Masks required, costumes encouraged! Stop by and enjoy treats and goodies with us. This outdoor event will follow COVID-19 precautions to maintain 6 feet physical distancing, along with hand sanitizing stations. All Fenway CDC residents are welcome! For inquiries, please contact Anar Kansara at akansara@fenwaycdc.org or (617) 326-6452.

Walsh, Boston Public Health officials urge caution, offer guidance on how to celebrate Halloween during COVID-19 pandemic

Staff Report

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) today released guidance on celebrating Halloween safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, urging residents who choose to celebrate Halloween to take extra precautions to keep themselves and others safe. Health officials have advised that many traditional activities, such as trick-or-treating, costume parties or crowded, confined spaces like haunted houses, raise the risk of spreading viruses.

"Halloween is one of the best nights, and what's most important this year is that any person participating in activities does so in a way that is safe for not only themselves, but also their neighbors and community," said Mayor Walsh. "We're asking people to take the extra precautions that are necessary this year, including avoiding direct contact with trick-or-treaters, wearing masks at all times, washing hands before eating any treats, and avoiding attending or hosting gatherings."

Tips for safe trick-or-treating:

-Trick-or-treat only with

immediate family members.

-Avoid direct contact with individuals passing out candy.

-Wash hands before handling treats.

-Wear a mask. A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask.

-Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.

-Bring hand sanitizer with you and use it after touching objects or other people.

Tips to safely prepare for trick-or-treaters:

-Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.

-Wash hands before handing

treats.

-Set up a station outdoors with individually wrapped goodie bags for trick-or-treaters.

-Wear a mask. A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask.

-Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.

BPHC health officials encourage families to find safer, alternative or virtual ways to have fun this season. The safest celebrations involve people from your household, are outdoors, allow for social distancing and other safety measures. In addition, BPHC is urging adults not to participate in gatherings or parties on Halloween.

BOSTON MARATHON (from pg. 1)

"With fewer than six months until Patriots' Day and with road races prohibited until Phase 4 of the Massachusetts reopening plan, we are unable to host the Boston Marathon this coming April," said Tom Grilk, C.E.O. of the B.A.A. "By shifting our focus to a fall date, we can continue to work with stakeholders to adjust the in-person experience for runners and supporters alike. Prioritizing the safety of participants, volunteers, spectators, and community members, we continue to assess all elements of the race including a potential reduced field size or weekend

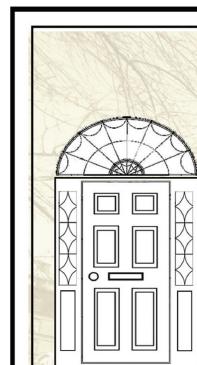
date."

No 2021 date has been selected, however, the B.A.A. will work with local, city, and state officials and members of its COVID-19 Medical & Event Operations Advisory Group to establish under what conditions the next live, in-person Boston Marathon can occur. Before the end of the year, the B.A.A. seeks to announce a new date. Other details such as when registration may open and the field size, pending local regulations and the event plan, will also be forthcoming. Information regarding other 2021 B.A.A. events, including the B.A.A. 5K,

B.A.A. 10K, and B.A.A. Half Marathon, will be announced at a later date.

"We are optimistic that the Boston Marathon will continue its tradition of celebrating the spirit of community and athletic excellence next fall. We know there will be many questions and we will look to address them in the coming months ahead," Grilk said.

The 2020 Boston Marathon, originally scheduled for April 20, was held as a 10-day Virtual Experience after being first postponed, and later canceled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The stairway, railing, and wall in the last clue are in front of 226 Beacon Street. The website BackBayHouses.org explains that it, "... was built ca. 1864 for dry goods merchant and cotton broker George Phineas Upham, one of two contiguous houses (226-228 Beacon) designed as a symmetrical pair." If you take a walk by today, you'll have to look carefully to see what remains of the matching design.

The next clue will be found in the Kenmore neighborhood.

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	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY Biega, Daniel 222 Commonwealth Ave LLC	Moses, Brendan 222 Comm Avenue RT	109 Beacon St #4	\$1,225,000
Lopatin, Alexander	Fultz, Barbara N	222 Commonwealth Ave	\$8,100,000
Luconi, Christina	Taplett, John C	290 Commonwealth Ave #20	\$358,000
		373 Marlborough St #4	\$2,110,000
BEACON HILL MD Financial LLC Darcy, Shannon	75 Beacon St Acquisition 8-14 Temple Street LLC	75 Beacon St #1 10 Temple St #10	\$8,300,000 \$585,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
16 Lawrence St LLC Meikleham, Elizabeth C	Maxfield Warren Est Pitt, Sean	16 Lawrence St 236 W Canton St #4	\$1,500,000 \$959,000
Fang, Xueyang	Dugan, Dan J	483 Beacon St #62	\$900,000
Kistinger, Peter R	Myles-Wynn, William	25 Hanson St #1	\$1,301,000
Raith, Gregory	33 Mount Vernon St LLC	33 Mount Vernon St #2	\$1,450,000
Hafler, David A	Hafler, Brian P	36 Symphony Rd #4A	\$757,269
Bandoji, Sulochana	Aqusala, Madhava	1750-1752 Washington St #2L	\$390,000
Chen, Jingtu	JP Property 1 LLC	3531 Washington St #302	\$221,900
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Long, Andrew T	Gluck, Clifford D	106-112 Beach St #1	\$1,650,000

Women's Lunch Place goes virtual with Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser

Women's Lunch Place will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner event virtually on Oct. 30.

The event's theme, "Equity – Our Vision for the Future," and Boston-based radio and TV host, Callie Crossley of WGBH, will be hosting the

Spaghetti Dinner, with GBH as the event's media partner. The Boston Symphony Orchestra will also be on hand for Summons the Heroes - a tribute to those that WLP is honoring as "Heroes" directed by Keith Lockhart.

To discuss sponsorship opportunities, contact Paula White at paula@womenslunchplace.org. Tickets and more information can be found online at womenslunchplace.org.



Virtual Public Meeting

St. Botolph Apartments Renovation

Monday, November 9

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Register: bit.ly/2HH7h7e

Call-in: 833-568-8864

Webinar ID: 161 651 1787

Project Proponent:

Boston Housing Authority

Project Description:

The Boston Housing Authority will be conducting a total renovation of the existing 7-story building located at 70 St. Botolph Street in the Back Bay. The scope of work includes miscellaneous site revisions, exterior envelope repairs, and replacements, renovations to common areas and individual units and upgrades to fire protections, HVAC and MEP systems. We encourage the community to join us to discuss the merits of this proposed total building renovation project.

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Two men charged; held without bail in Back Bay shooting

By Lauren Bennett

On Tuesday afternoon, Boston Police D-4 officers arrested two individuals after responding to a call that shots were fired near Fairfield and Newbury Streets in the Back Bay at about 3:54pm.

According to the police report, officers were told that two possible male suspects were seen running down Newbury Street towards the Boston Common, and witnesses told officers that the men were seen heading down a public alley between Commonwealth Ave-

nue and Newbury St.

"Officers were directed to Public Alley 434 where they observed two males matching both suspect descriptions running in the alley, towards Public Alley 437. Officers entered Public Alley 437, where they were able to detain one suspect, identified as Rashawn Bly, 24 years old, from Boston," the report stated. Officers were granted roof access on a building, where they saw a male laying on the ground in the yard of 24 Commonwealth Avenue, matching the description of the second potential suspect. The

man was identified as 23-year-old Walter Coleman, also of Boston.

The report states that a black firearm was found in a closed recycling bin at the back of 173 Newbury St., also known as Public Alley 434. "The firearm, a Baretta 9mm was found to be in the "lock back" position, with the slide fully extended backward," according to the report.

A witness told officers that gunfire between Bly and Coleman, as well as two other unidentified individuals, was observed. Ballistic damage to

vehicles was also discovered by officers in the area reported by the call.

Both Bly and Coleman were charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, firearm discharged within 500 feet of dwelling, two counts of assault with dangerous weapon, and each were charged with several other charges as well.

Bly and Coleman were arraigned on October 28 and held without bail, pending a dangerousness hearing on Wednesday November 4, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

Elliott Laffer, Chair of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, called the incident "unusual, but not unprecedented." He said that he "appreciates the work of the police in apparently finding the alleged perpetrators quickly."

Laffer said that if there was any good news from the situation, it was that the most damage was done to property and that nobody was hurt.

"We don't think that this is a reflection of a safety issue in the Back Bay," he said.

For the Record

CORONAVIRUS

UPDATE: Due to public health concerns, the hearings that normally would be held on a week have been postponed or canceled due to the guidance of Mayor Martin Walsh and the order of Gov. Charlie Baker. Some meetings, however, have been moved to an online or teleconference format under the emergency order on the Open Meeting Law issued by Gov. Baker.

SUPER SITES FOR BPS MEALS

Beginning October 26, BPS Super Sites open for Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. BPS families can pick up free breakfasts and lunches. Some locations also provide free toiletries and free groceries on select days.

•FENWAY

Boston Latin School – 78 Avenue Louis Pasteur

•SOUTH END

Boston Chinese Evangelical Church, 120 Shawmut Ave. Wednesdays 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Chinatown location at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School near the South End is open on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

From the Oct. 29, BPL McKim Building Master Plan meeting, online, 6:30 p.m.:

•The Boston Public Library and Public Facilities Department will host a virtual community meeting to introduce the McKim Building Master Plan. This study will look comprehensively at the programming and functions of key pub-

lic spaces in the Boston Public Library's McKim Building, with a view to repair, renovation, and re-imagination.

General Election Day, Nov. 3. – Polls Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

From the Nov. 2 South End Landmarks Advisory Review Hearing, 5 p.m., via Zoom ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/88607081943](https://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/88607081943)):

•41 Berkeley Street - Developer Related Beal and architects Hacin and Associates will present their preliminary design for the redevelopment of the triangular parcel(s) bounded by Tremont Street, Berkeley Street, and Appleton Street.

VIRTUAL TREE REMOVAL HEARING - FENWAY / KENMORE

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 10:30 a.m. on a request to remove one public shade tree in the Fenway. The request is for the removal of one Hornbeam tree measuring 2.5 inches dbh (diameter at breast height) adjacent to 74 Kilmarnock Street as part of the 60-80 Kilmarnock Street residential project at the corner of Kilmarnock and Queensberry Streets in the Fenway.

From the Nov. 5 South End Landmarks Hearing, 5:30 p.m., online via Zoom ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89676523476](https://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89676523476)):

Please note: This hearing is rescheduled from Tuesday, November 3, 2020, in obser-

vance of Election Day.

DESIGN REVIEW

34 Clarendon Street. Continued from 3/03/2020 SELDC Public Hearing. Proposed work: At the front and rear façade which faces a public street, replace six-over-six wood windows.

•11 East Newton St. (Tentative - pending subcommittee review). Continued from 8/04/2020 SELDC Public Hearing. Proposed work: At the roof install solar collectors and associated safety railings; at the side elevation install associated piping.

•54-102 West Newton St. Continued from 8/04/2020 SELDC Public Hearing. Proposed Work: Replace aluminum storefront systems at 25 row-houses with wood doors, transoms, and sidelights; and replace handrails (modify Certificate of Design Approval).

•12 Concord Sq. Proposed work: Construct a roof deck.

•135 Dartmouth St. Proposed work: Replace a single acorn light fixture/ utility pole with double acorn light fixture/ utility pole and antennae.

•535-539 Shawmut Ave. Proposed work: Install new signage at the storefront.

•16 Lawrence St. Proposed work: Construct a roof deck; replace historic windows.

•Mass/Cass 2.0 Task Force Pubic meeting, Nov. 9, 6 p.m., online via Zoom.

OUTDOOR DINING EXTENSION

The Mayor announced an extension of the Outdoor Dining

Program beyond its original end date of October 31. Restaurants

using private outdoor space can continue to do so for the duration of the public health emergency. And restaurants using public space on streets and sidewalks can continue until December 1. The City will also waive application fees for the use of outdoor propane heaters in dining areas. Restaurants will still need a permit from the Fire Department, and safety regulations around their use will remain in place. Restaurants can use electric heaters without a permit, as long as no cords are crossing sidewalks.

FIRST THURSDAYS AT THE GARDNER MUSEUM

First Thursdays are back at the Gardner Museum! Entry is free on the first Thursday of each month from 3-9 p.m., however, timed ticket reservations are required and guests must adhere to all safety protocols once inside. Visit the museum's ticket website to reserve now.

FREE BPS BREAKFAST IN SOUTH END/FENWAY

Students who wish to get a free breakfast Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 am.,

have three sites to choose from in the South End and Fenway. This is the BPS initiative, but other organizations are also serving meals in the area as well.

•Blackstone Elementary School – 380 Shawmut Ave. (South End).

•Boston Chinese Evangelical Church, 120 Shawmut Ave. (Monday, Weds., and Friday only – South End).

•Boston Latin School – 78 Avenue Louis Pasteur (Fenway).

REPORTING WORKPLACE SAFETY CONCERN

•Workers in any size organization have options if they feel they are being pressured into an unsafe situation. Attorney General Maura Healey has created resources for workers to report safety concerns during reopening. They include an online form at the Attorney General's website and a dedicated Fair Labor hotline at 617-727-3465. People can also find those resources by calling 311.

•HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM PROPERTY

Since taking office in 2014, Mayor Walsh has made fixing quality of life issues a priority in his administration. From investing in Public Works to making sure community policing

is a staple in every neighborhood, we are making sure every neighborhood is clean,

safe and a great place to live and work in. Unfortunately some properties in Boston

need more help than others, and that's why we are here. If you know of a property that

fits one of the following criteria: multiple calls to 911, one that's blighted or just a general

concern, we encourage you to reach out to your neighborhood liaison.

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4 STRONG PLACE
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\$3,400,000



492 BEACON STREET #14
2 BEDS | 2F BATHS | 1,273 SQFT
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