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BLO Street Stage – a mobile stage created by the Boston Lyric Opera for live outdoor performances.

BLO finds unique way to bring back live music with creation of Street Stage

By Dan Murphy

In what could be described as a prime example of “pivoting,” Boston Lyric Opera has created a mobile outdoor stage that will allow them, as New England’s largest and longest-running

opera company, to continue bringing live music to locations throughout the city and Greater Boston.

BLO Street Stage made its public debut on Oct. 28, said John Michael Kennedy, a

spokesman for the organization, with two 15-minute performances in front of small, socially distanced crowds at the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway. Several unwitting neighbors

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Project Place makes rare change in leadership position

By Seth Daniel

A caveat of the Project Place organization in the South End has been steady leadership over the years, with Suzanne Kenney at the helm of the critical human services organization for the past 25 years.

Now, she has retired, and

Aaryn Manning has taken the helm, coming back to the organization to lead it after having been a critical team member there several years ago.

Manning, 34, takes the place of long-time director Suzanne Kenney, who retired this fall after 25 years at the helm of the organization. Manning started

on Oct. 1. She returns to the organization after previously working there as the director of education and job training.

“It’s really wonderful to be back in the community,” she said. “That’s something I’m drawn to and missed when I

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UNOFFICIAL RESULTS Boston voters overwhelmingly support Biden in Presidential race

By Dan Murphy

While the final tally for the city’s unofficial election results wasn’t available on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 3, Boston voters overwhelmingly supported Democrat Joe Biden over Presidential Donald Trump on the road to the White House.

Nearly 83 percent of voters citywide cast a total of 225,368 ballots for the Democrat ticket of Biden and Vice Presi-

dent-hopeful Kamala Harris while President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence trailed with almost 16 percent of the ballot, or 42,707 votes cast.

Statewide, Biden garnered the support of nearly 66 percent of voters to best Trump, who trailed with around 33 percent.

State Rep. Jay Livingstone said Wednesday morning, “It wasn’t surprising that Boston

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OCTOBER SNEAKS IN A STORM



WHATEVER IT TAKES...Matt Sentas is normally the restaurant manager at the Loews Boston in the Back Bay on Berkeley Street, but last Friday, Oct. 30, and early and heavy snow storm hit the city and it was all hands on deck. He said while they would normally have a crew to take care of snow, no one anticipated it being needed prior to Halloween, so “someone has to get it done,” he said.

EDITORIAL

THERE WAS ONLY ONE "BOND.... JAMES BOND"

The passing last weekend of Sean Connery, who became known to everyone throughout the world for his role as James Bond in the 1960s films, was a sad event for all of us who grew up mesmerized by his performances.

Although many other actors have played the role over the years in the subsequent Bond movies, none came even close to epitomizing the charm, strength, and sense of humor that Connery brought to the role. (We have enjoyed the most recent Bond films starring Daniel Craig, though his Bond is of an entirely different sort than Connery's.)

Sean Connery's performances in those iconic films have stood the test of time. They are every bit as much fun and enjoyable to watch, no matter how many times we see them, principally because of Sean Connery.

Beyond his Bond roles, Connery starred in countless other outstanding films over the next 40 years and earned an Academy Award. Off-camera he also was a larger-than-life figure. He was well-respected and beloved among his peers and was an outstanding professional actor in every sense of the word.

He overcame his hard-scrabble background as a youth growing up in Scotland through hard work and determination and never forgot where he came from.

Although he was named People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive -- at the age of 59 -- his off-screen persona was hardly the raconteur he portrayed as Bond. Sean Connery was married to the same woman (his second wife) for 45 years, quite a feat in the movie business.

We came across a quote from his wife, Micheline Roquebrune, which in our view epitomizes the ideal that all men -- real men -- should strive for:

"He was a model of a man," she said.

Her words bring to mind the lines of Marc Antony from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar when Antony eulogizes Caesar:

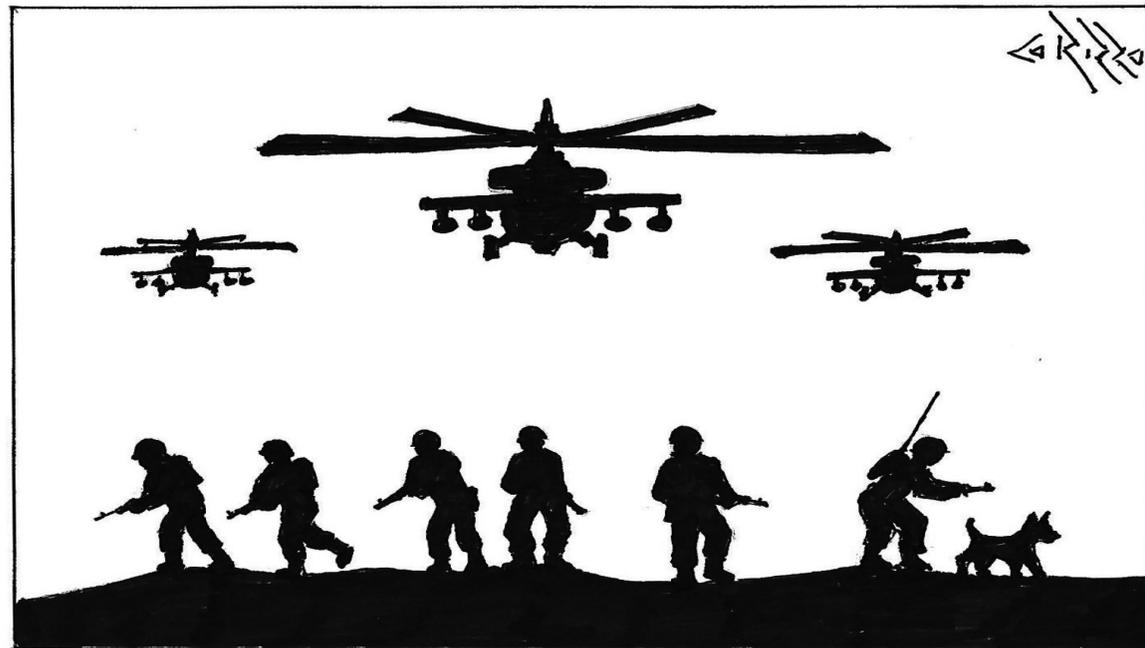
His life was gentle, and the elements

So mixed in him that Nature might stand up

And say to all the world, "This was a man."

Sean Connery brought fun and joy to hundreds of millions of people for generations.

May he rest in peace.



CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY NOV. 11, 2020

South End/Bay Village liaison gets promotion

Staff Report

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the appointment of former South End/Bay Village mayoral liaison Faisa Sharif as the deputy director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS), opening the door for Kimberly Crucioli to become the new South End and Bay Village liaison.

They will work to encourage, facilitate and maximize citizen input and participation through service requests, neighborhood meetings, mailings, and emergency responses.

As Deputy Director, Sharif will oversee the operations of the Office of Neighborhood Services with an aim to improve overall engagement across City neighborhoods, delivering city services, and ensuring the department's quality of the work under the leadership of Chief of Civic Engagement, Jerome Smith. As the new South End and Bay Village liaison, Crucioli will distribute information and facilitate the delivery of services in collaboration with City departments to South End and Bay Village constituents.

"I am very excited to have Faisa in this new role and proud of all the work she did as my former neighborhood liaison to the South End and Bay Village," said Mayor Walsh. "Faisa was also indispensable in the process of the Boston Police



Former South End/Bay Village mayoral liaison Faisa Sharif has been promoted to Deputy Director of Neighborhood Services, and Kim Crucioli will become the new liaison.

Reform Task Force submitting their final reform recommendations, and I couldn't be more grateful for her service. I know that the South End and Bay Village will be in good hands with Kimberly, and I encourage everyone to welcome her in her new role. She has grown to love this city in the time that she's lived here and I am confident that she will do an excellent job in serving

her constituents and ensuring they are connected to their city government."

Said Sharif, "Being a neighborhood liaison on behalf of Mayor Walsh has been the best education in city government that I could ask for. I'm grateful to Mayor Walsh for the opportunity to grow in this new leadership role supporting operations in the Office of Neighborhood Services and working across

departments to serve our communities."

Sharif brings to the deputy director role an extensive back-

ground in community engagement and experience solving resident issues and concerns as the former liaison for the South End, Bay Village, and Somali community in the Office of Neighborhood Services.

She grew up in the South End and has lived and worked in the neighborhood for the past 15 years.

Crucioli will take the role of the new South End and Bay Village liaison.

She was born and raised in North Andover and has been a resident of Boston for the past eight years. She graduated in 2017 from Suffolk University with a bachelor's degree in marketing and business management and a minor in psychology. Crucioli is currently a resident of the North End.

"I am honored to serve the South End and Bay Village neighborhoods on behalf of the Mayor's Office," said Crucioli. "I love this city and I look forward to serving its residents on behalf of Mayor Walsh."

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Recreational pot shop proposed for Queensberry Street

By Dan Murphy

Another applicant is proposing a recreational adult-use marijuana dispensary in the Fenway at the former location of a Queensberry Street laundromat.

Queensberry Pure intends to open at 112-114 Queensberry St., with proposed hours from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, according to members of the team that includes Damond Hughes, one of the co-founders and currently an employee of Compass Real Estate.

Rebecca Adams, a compliance consultant, said patrons would enter through the front of the business to find ample space for queuing before reaching a station where they would need to provide identification for proof of age (21+) and then move on to the retail area with seven points-of-sale.

The store's total occupancy would normally be 42, with 12 individuals in the waiting area and another 15 in the sales area, she said, but in accordance with COVID-19 regulations, the total occupancy would be reduced to 21, which includes only 12 customers.

"We will manage customers entering and exiting the facility," Adams said, "and do our best to make sure there aren't lines."

Queensberry Pure also hopes to limit the number of customers in the store with an online ordering system and quick pickup lines, and by offering delivery two or three times a week.

In response to whether "pre-roll" packages designed for single use would be sold there, Adams replied they hadn't yet finalized the menu offerings.

The business has also yet to undertake a traffic study to gauge its potential impact on the neighborhood, she said.

The applicant was also previously unaware of K Street – a nonprofit based at 74 Kilmarnock St. that serves members of the LBGQ community in recovery – but Adams said they would contact their would-be neighbor as part of the outreach process.

Queensberry Pure will also work with the Green Soul Community Development Foundation – a nonprofit funded in part by a donation from MedMen "that will focus on workforce development and economic empowerment for the disenfranchised in the Boston area," according to a statement from the national cannabis retailer.

MedMen won't be involved in Queensberry Pure's opera-

tions, however, Hughes said; although incidentally, they have received a host agreement from the city to open a retail cannabis outlet on Brookline Avenue.

Alex Sawczynec, a Brookline Avenue resident and Fenway Civic Association board member, called the proposed site a "poor choice," especially considering the potential adverse effect it could have on residential parking. But he said he was impressed with the applicant's presentation and would likely support their plan at another location.

Sawczynec, however, was critical of the city's process surrounding recreational cannabis that now dates back two years in the neighborhood, and which he described as "really opaque and frustrating to follow."

Tim Horn, president of the Fenway Civic Association board of directors and a East

Fenway resident, said the proposed location of the dispensary is in defiance of an existing zoning plan for the neighborhood, which followed an arduous process and limits the "entertainment district" to the area north of Boylston Street while restricting the area south of it from that usage.

"No liquor stores are even allowed on that side of street, except for one that was allowed to move back there after 30 years," he said. "It's not set up to ever again to be a commercial-use building. It's supposed to be redeveloped for housing – that's what this area of the Fenway is all about."

Moreover, Horn added: "It's not about more businesses. Not redeveloping this parcel as housing is just against everything we worked against for so many years."

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voted overwhelmingly to elect Vice President Biden to be the next President. I think Donald Trump has been incredibly unpopular with voters in Boston and Massachusetts, and the results yesterday bore that out."

But Rep Livingstone added, "I just wish the rest of the country had agreed with us, and that their results were as definitive as Boston's and Massachusetts' were for Vice President Biden."

Likewise, City Councilor Kenize Bok wrote Wednesday: "It's been hard to govern at the local level without a strong federal partner helping us handle this pandemic, and I think what you see from Bostonians is a clear rejection of the incompetence, bias, and cruelty we've seen coming out of the Trump Administration. I'm proud that Boston voted so decisively for Joe Biden, and I hope Pennsylvania — where I was knocking doors for the final four days — and with it the country follow suit to make Biden president."

Sharon Durkan, chair of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee wrote, "As expected, Massachusetts went solidly for Joe Biden! We have been waiting for this race for four years, so taking time to count every vote doesn't phase us, and we are committed to every

vote being counted. We are particularly proud of the win in New Hampshire and Maine given our proximity and political interconnectedness."

On Question 1, which allows car owners to access and share vehicle data with independent repair shops, nearly 75 percent of Boston voters cast a total 190,429 ballots to support it in contrast to the approximately 25 percent of the city's voters cast who cast 63,872 ballots in opposition.

Similarly, 75 percent of voters statewide voted "yes" on Question 1 while 25 percent opposed it.

"There were a lot of privacy concerns and questions about the ability to implement the law as written, and like any other law, that can be tweaked by the legislation," Rep. Livingstone said, "but the voters made it clear they want to be able to repair their cars everywhere and the legislature needs to respect that."

Ballot Question 2 – a binding referendum that enacts ranked-choice voting in primary and general elections – was supported by nearly 62 percent of the city's voters (155,123 ballots cast) while around 38 percent (96,264 ballots cast) rejected it.

Ultimately, around 55 percent of voters statewide reject-

ed Question 2 as opposed to the approximately 45 percent of voters who supported it.

"My district and the voters I represent in Boston and Cambridge where you've had multiple-candidate races where several of the candidates looked very much the same, like the DA's race from two years ago, overwhelmingly supported [Question 2]," Rep. Livingstone said. "Unfortunately, a lot of the state didn't have the same experience with ranked-choice voting."

Councilor Bok wrote: "I'm disappointed that Question 2 lost — I think it would have allowed for a better reflection of voter preferences, and I think the fact that organizers didn't get the opportunity to explain ranked-choice voting to people face to face, because of the pandemic, really hurt its chances of success."

More optimistically, Durkan wrote, "I applaud the organizers of RCV (ranked-choice voting). Our committee supported the ballot initiative. We know that organizing and educating voters on this issue takes time. We believe that RCV would help establish more consensus and a more representative government. Our committee believes in the merits of this, and hope this is start of momen-

tum on this issue."

Although the final tally was unavailable at the time of publication, Mayor Martin Walsh said Tuesday historic voter turnout in Boston was expected in the election – a milestone that can likely be attributed in part to early and mail-in voting

in the election.

City Councilor Bok wrote, "I'm proud of everything the Boston Elections Department did to expand ballot access, with dropboxes and early vote sites, and I think it's critical that across the country we ensure every vote is counted."

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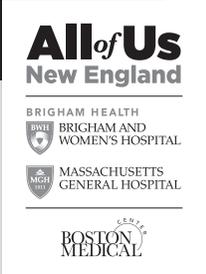
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First McKim Building Master Plan meeting held

By Lauren Bennett

The first public meeting regarding the McKim Building Master Plan was held virtually on October 28, where attendees were asked for input on how they currently use the building, as well as their thoughts on the building's future.

The Central Branch of the Boston Public Library (BPL), where the McKim Building is located, has already undergone several renovations over the years, including recent renovations to the Johnson Building.

BPL President David Leonard said that "2/3" to "3/4" of the McKim Building was renovated in the early 1990s and 2000s, but is now "left with a third floor that really is in great disrepair."

He said the master planning project consists of renovations to the third floor of the McKim Building, as well as the plaza on the outside of the building on the Dartmouth St. side.

"We will balance repair, restoration, and reimagining," he said. "Our goal is really to

bring collections emotionally, physically, and intellectually closer to the people; a 21st century palace for the people."

Jim McQueen, Senior Project Manager for the city's Public Facilities Department, said that the project is still in the beginning stages, and the team is looking for input, suggestions, and concerns from users of the building.

Mary Ann Upton, a partner at designLAB Architects, which is working on this project with Shepley Bulfinch, said that the planning process began in August, and the focus of this particular community meeting was "listening and gathering ideas."

She gave a brief overview of the project, and said that the "big ideas driving discussion" around this project include things like equity, sharing the story of the BPL, and ensuring accessibility, among others.

The project goals include activating the Dartmouth St. plaza, improving the educational experience, upgrading systems, and more.

Right now on the third floor

of the McKim Building, only the Sargent building is open to the public, Upton said. She said that many of the rooms were never finished, and "over the years, these spaces have been used and furnished and lighted in many ways," which "really leaves us to open the door to ask what's next. This is really our story to write..."

While there are a wide variety of programs currently offered at the Central Branch of the BPL, the team said they were considering blending them between the McKim and the Johnson Buildings, if that is something people would be interested in. They also came up with ideas for new programming in the categories of reference and research, education and experimentation, and people and culture.

"We hope that you could provide some insights on what equity, access, and outreach means to you," she said.

Attendees were then separated into breakout groups, where they answered several questions about what they would

like to see on the Dartmouth Plaza, and what they like and might want to change about the McKim Building.

Some of the feedback included things like concerns about the accessibility of the McKim Building as it is now, as well as putting art, places to sit, and shade trees on the plaza. One person even suggested potentially projecting movies on the outside of the building.

Other comments included that there are so many spaces in the McKim building that can only be used for private events, and people would like to see those spaces be activated for regular public use and other programming. Some said they were confused about the entrance to the McKim and whether or not it was public, and some also said that it is "not obvious" where the books or resources are.

People also wanted to see more children's programming in the McKim Building, as well as creating a stronger connection between the McKim and Johnson buildings.

Dealing with homelessness

in Copley Square in a kind way that would help individuals was also a topic that was brought up, as was making the library more diverse and "not so Western-centric."

Upton said that everyone should check the project page on the BPL website for updates regarding the project and any upcoming meetings. Additionally, a survey will be posted with the same questions asked at this public meeting to generate even more feedback about the building and the project.

"Under the rubric of 'repair, restore and reimagine,' and with community input, we are updating the Master Plan for the McKim Building, with particular attention to the un-renovated third floor and the Dartmouth Street Plaza," David Leonard told the Sun. "We would love to both restore more of the building to its former glory while at the same time transforming it into a space befitting the educational, research and cultural needs of the entire BPL user community."

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who wandered over during the soundcheck and the first show to find out what was going even ended up sticking around for the second performance, since space was still available as the audience hadn't reached the 35-person capacity limit in advance. (While three performances were originally planned for the afternoon, the second was postponed, Kennedy said, and the third ultimately canceled, due to inclement weather).

"It showed how starved people are for live performance and the live music that they haven't heard for eight months," Kennedy said. "I was pretty amazing, even though it was drizzly."

BLO doesn't have a permanent home and instead stages its performances at various area theatres, as well as at other local venues not typically used to accommodate live music, such as the DCR Steriti Memorial Rink in the North End for one recent performance.

"They're adept at being at nontraditional locations," said Kennedy, who added: "BLO had been trying to figure out how to do outdoor performances for quite a while, and once the pandemic hit, it rose back to the surface."

Director of Production Jessica Johnson Brock embarked on this endeavor by first researching mobile trailers and mobile stages, Kennedy said, and she eventually found a company based in Georgia that not only

built trailers, but also retrofitted them for different uses.

After it was customized to fit BLO's specific needs and outfitted with a stage large enough to accommodate a piano or a small musical trio, the trailer, which measures 26 feet long by 8.5 feet wide, was white and otherwise unadorned when it arrived in Boston just before Labor Day.

The trailer was then transported to the Museum of Fine Arts parking lot, Kennedy said, where on Sept. 10 and 11, it was transformed into a mobile piece of street art.

The BLO had commissioned Artists for Humanity - a Boston nonprofit that provides paid employment opportunities for inner-city youth in the arts and is led by co-founders Jason Talbot and Rob "ProBlak" Gibbs - to create original artwork to decorate the trailer's exterior.

"We provided a blank slate for street art for the Street Stage," said Bradley Vernatter, the Boston Lyric Opera's COO. And for those who unable

or not comfortable enough to attend in person, BLO Street Stage performances will also be made available via operabox.tv - a new streaming service the Boston Lyric Opera is using to deliver its original content, and which is available online at www.operabox.tv and via branded apps on Android TV, Apple TV, Roku, and Amazon Fire TV.

Meanwhile, upcoming BLO Street Stage performances are already planned for late November and early December, and following a winter hibernation, the program is scheduled to return again in the spring with more offerings and an expanded schedule.

"It's going to be tough for anyone to have outdoor performances in a Boston winter," Vernatter said, "but we hope to apply what we've learned this fall to implement a really robust programming schedule at many locations in the Greater Boston area this spring."

For more information on Boston Lyric Opera and BLO Street Stage, visit blo.org.

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Walsh addresses election, coronavirus in Nov. 4 update

By Lauren Bennett

Following the election, Mayor Walsh held a press conference on November 4, where he talked about voter turnout and moving forward with the election process, as well as provided an update on coronavirus.

Walsh said on Wednesday morning that the Boston turnout of all registered voters was 63.51 percent, which was slightly below the 2016 turnout of 66.75 percent. He said that this includes early voting, in person voting, and a “large number of our mail-in ballots.”

He said that the city will continue counting ballots post-marked by November 3. He also reminded residents that results are still unofficial until November 13, which is the deadline for overseas military and absentee ballots. “The work is still going on and every vote must be counted,” Walsh said.

This is true for states across the country as well, as no official call has been made on the presidential race. “Many states are still counting ballots, as we know,” Walsh said. “We have to be patient and we have to respect the democratic process.

It’s important that we’re clear about our values and we want to continue to set a good example.”

Walsh then addressed COVID-19 in the city, saying that as of Tuesday, Boston had 69 new cases of the virus and no new deaths.

Last week, Walsh launched a COVID-19 testing pledge, called “Get the Test Boston” to encourage residents to get tested. He said that City employees who are eligible for benefits will receive one paid hour every 14 days to get tested during work hours.

He said that more people were tested and fewer tested positive during the week of October 30, and he continues to urge residents to go out and get tested. He said the lower positive rate is “good to see, but it’s too soon to say that we stopped the trend.”

“Our numbers continue to be higher than what we need them to be in Boston, and hospitals have been seeing more activity,” Walsh said. “Those are the realities that we have to address.”

He talked about the measures that Governor Baker put in place earlier this week that go into effect this Friday.

“These measures, I want

to be clear, these measures are there to help us stop the spread of the virus,” Walsh said. “These are not easy to do.” But he said they are “in like with the cautious approach” taken by the city since the pandemic began.

He also acknowledged that this continues to be difficult on restaurants and small businesses, but warned that “if we don’t get the virus under control,” it could turn south very quickly. “I don’t want to have to shut everything down,” he said. “This is a public health response.”

He said he will continue supporting restaurants and other small businesses with various resources moving forward.

Walsh and Boston Police Commissioner William Gross also addressed questions about potential violence in the city as election results continue to roll in and demonstrations are expected.

Walsh said he does not have concerns about violence in the city, and asked people to “demonstrate peacefully” if they choose to participate in marches.

“If you’re going to march in the streets of Boston, wear a



DARK ARTS POP-UP HALLOWEEN GALLEY

The Dark Arts pop up show last Saturday, Oct. 31, featured artwork from Erik Grau, Rion Folan, and Haley Neville. The Piano Craft Gallery is an all-volunteer-run non-profit community gallery space devoted to sharing artists’ work with the public. As so many events and opportunities within the arts and the community at large are being cancelled, the Gallery wanted to provide the community with a safe way to celebrate Halloween and come out in costume. Guests were encouraged to take pictures with the artwork and a social media costume contest took place. Here, one guest posed in a very unique costume in front of the work.

mask,” he added.

“The voter turnout yesterday was phenomenal,” Commissioner Gross said. “When you voice your first amendment rights, do so with the voices of logic, not the ignorance of destruction. We need your eyes

and ears. If you see something, say something.”

He said the city is prepared for both the “worst” and “best case scenarios,” but thanked Bostonians for coming out and “voting peacefully” on Election Day.

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was gone.”

In fact, Manning said she knew she was in the right place again when she saw a former student at the door recently.

“I recognized him and he recognized me,” she said. “Four years had passed and here we were again at the doors of Project Place. He looked at me and told me that it hadn’t all gone the way he had planned, but he came back. I told him that’s all that matters. It speaks to the work we do. It was just one moment, but it really symbolized the transformative work we do here.”

Project Place, based in the South End, provides services to some of the most vulnerable residents in Boston – those coming out of incarceration, those trying to escape homelessness and those looking to be trained for job skills. The organization has many years of

successes, but hasn’t had a lot of turnover under Kenney.

Manning grew up in Montana, but found that the rural life wasn’t for her and moved to Boston. She said the first job she applied for was at Project Place, and she found she loved being a teacher, an advocate and a helper to adult learners.

“I’m an educator and an advocate and come from that background,” she said. “The ability to serve as an educator and advocate in a community environment really appealed to me – especially serving adult learners.”

She served as the director there for five years, and Kenney – who she counts as a mentor – encouraged her to get her graduate degree and see what happens. That’s when she left for Colorado and pursued her education with her husband.

“When I was here, Boston



Aaryn Manning has taken the lead as the new executive director of Project Place in the South End. She replaces Suzanne Kenney, who retired after 25 years leading the critical human services organization.

really did become a home to me,” she said. “When we talk-

ed about moving here long-term, it just made sense to be back in Boston. This opportunity just came up at the same time we were planning to return. I always said I didn’t have enough room in my heart for another non-profit after Project Place. When I had the opportunity to interview to be the director, I was thrilled.”

Right now, the task has been dealing with COVID-19 and transitioning their clients and students to virtual learning. About 85 percent of the programming is virtual, and 15 percent is in-person. The social enterprises are still running, such as the hot fudge operation that clients work at.

Meanwhile, they also still focus on the hard work of helping formerly incarcerated clients re-adjust to society. That can be incredibly hard, she said, after spending many decades in

jail and coming out into the world of technology we have now.

“If they’ve been incarcerated 35 or more years, there’s a lot that’s changed,” she said. “The whole world is different and they have to quickly catch up on that. It can be overwhelming.”

Just like when she first came to Boston, Manning said she finds commonality with those clients in that they both had to learn everything from the beginning – including simple things like how to get on and pay for the bus.

Working with clients like that – and others as well – is one of the key reasons she was ready to lead the organization, she said.

“I have big shoes to fill,” she said. “But I have a lot of energy and I’m up for the challenge.”

FRIENDS OF CRITE PARK HOLD FIRST ANNUAL CRITE PARK CLEAN-UP

Courtesy Photos

The Friends of Crite Park held their first annual clean-up of the Park area, which they hope to completely refurbish in the near future. The clean-up was sponsored by Brown Advisory. A neighbor, Sean Hennessey, stopped by to help as well.



Sean Hennessey, Warren Avenue neighbor.



Kristen Flynn and Nell Kelleher.



Shown above, Councilor Ed Flynn and Friends President Cheryl Dickinson. Shown to the left, James Davie and Cheryl Dickinson.



The whole group taking a break. Left to right: Sean Hennessey, Councilor Ed Flynn, Nell Kelleher, Kristen Flynn, and James Davie.

Baker announces new COVID guidelines and restrictions, including new night-time stay-at-home order

By Lauren Bennett

Following days of new coronavirus cases over 1000, Governor Charlie Baker on Monday afternoon announced several new guidelines and restrictions to help stop the spread of the virus in Massachusetts.

On Sunday, the state's Department of Health (DPH) reported 1139 new cases, 613 people in the hospital, and 113 people in the ICU. He said the seven day average for the state remains at 1.8 percent.

Since Labor Day, which the governor pointed out was 55 days from the press conference, the number of daily new cases has grown by nearly 300 percent, and there has been a 145 percent increase in hospitalizations.

He said that the "data points to the need to do something about these trends now," but that shouldn't include closing schools, as "schools are not spreaders here or anywhere else," he said.

"The simple truth is this: too many of us have become complacent in our daily lives," Baker said. "If we do nothing, we'll create capacity problems for our healthcare system by the end of the year," he continued.

He said that Massachusetts remains one of the "most aggressive testers in the country," and continues its contact tracing program.

Baker announced on Monday "a series of targeted interventions" to help slow the spread of COVID-19, including a new stay at home advisory

between 10pm and 5am, where residents should stay at home except for purposes of work, grocery shopping, or health-care reasons, as well as taking a walk.

Additionally, restaurants must stop providing table service at 9:30pm, and sales of alcohol at all restaurants and stores must end at 9:30pm. Also required to close between the hours of 9:30pm and 5am are adult-use marijuana dispensaries, indoor and outdoor events, movie theaters, performance venues, youth and amateur sports, casinos and horse tracks, hair and nail salons, gyms, pools, museums, and more.

Changes to the gathering order were also made, including reducing the gathering limit to 10 people. Outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people. The face covering order has also been updated to mandate that anyone over the age of 5 wear a face covering in public at all times. There are no more exemptions for maintaining social distance.

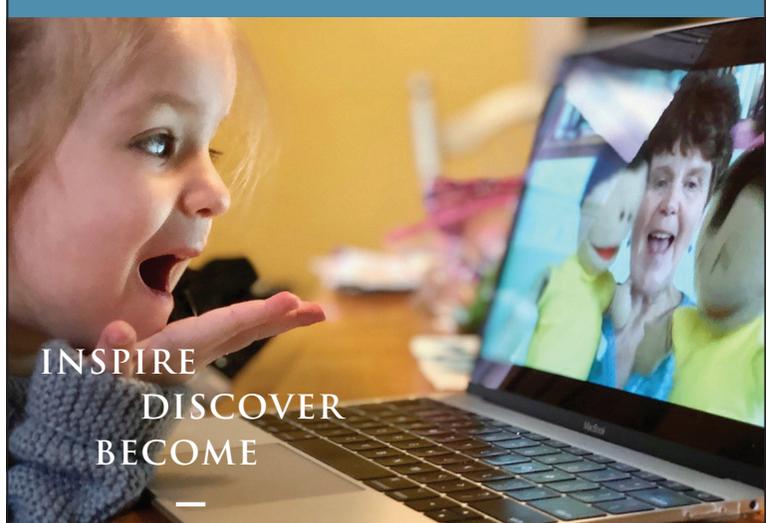
These guidelines go into effect on Friday, November 6 at 12:01am.

"The intent is to cut down on the transmission that we all know is occurring in social gatherings," and Baker said that personal responsibility is also a key factor at play.

"I hope that we can encourage everyone to act responsibly," he said. "Our message here is very simple: we can't afford to continue to do what we've been doing."



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OCTOBER SNEAKS IN A SNOWSTORM

Despite only being halfway through Fall, the skies opened up above Boston Friday morning letting loose thick, heavy snowfall on the City and surrounding areas.

To the surprise of residents, the storm continued to batter the community throughout the day, not stopping until after 5 p.m.



Church of the Covenant was in white-out conditions from the morning to the afternoon in the surprise snow storm.



Franklin Square in the South End caked with heavy snow, and many trees in the neighborhood - still full of leaves - lost large limbs due to the weight of the snow.

Police News

SEEKING SUSPECTS

Boston Police are looking to identify several individuals in relation to an Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon that occurred at Hammond and Sussex Streets on September 11, 2020.

At about 9:36 P.M. on Friday, September 11, 2020, Officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) responded to a radio call for a pedestrian struck at the intersection of Hammond and Sussex Streets in the South End.

Upon arrival, officers observed a victim suffering from a severe head injury, laying in the intersection of Hammond and Sussex Streets. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries. Video surveillance of the incident showed two suspects chasing the victim, and then striking him multiple times with an unknown object before fleeing the area. One suspect was described as a black male wearing a gray sweatshirt and gray sweatpants, who fled on foot on Hammond Street towards Tremont Streets. A second suspect was described as a heavy set black male, wearing a white t-shirt (see above photo), who got into the passenger side

of a silver/gray motor vehicle and fled the area on Hammond Street towards Shawmut Avenue.

Anyone with information regarding these individuals is advised to please contact District D-4 Detectives at 617-343-4683.

THIRD SUSPECT IN SHOOTING NABBED

About 2 p.m. on Friday, October 30, District D-4 (South End) Detectives placed Shaquan Pinkney, 26, of Roxbury, under arrest by virtue of an active straight warrant issued out of Boston Municipal Court. Pinkney was charged with Discharging a Firearm within 500ft of a dwelling, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition, and Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon to wit Firearm. Pinkney to be arraigned in Boston Municipal Court.

About 3:54 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) responded to a radio call for Shots Fired in the Area of Fairfield Street and Newbury Street in the Back Bay.

Officers were advised by BPD Operations that two possible male suspects were running down Newbury Street towards the Boston Common. Once on scene, officers were informed by witnesses that the two possible suspects were now running down a public alley in between Newbury Street and Commonwealth Avenue, towards the Boston Common. 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, a 24-year-old male, from Boston. Officers, still searching for the second suspect, were given access to the roof of one of the neighboring buildings. Once on the roof, officers observed a male, matching the description of the second individual, laying on the ground inside of a fenced in backyard of 24 Commonwealth Avenue. Officers relayed this information to the other responding officers, and the second individual, identified as a 23-year-old male from Boston, was also detained.

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Bay Village Neighborhood Association holds virtual annual meeting

By Lauren Bennett

The Bay Village Neighborhood Association (BVNA) held its annual meeting virtually via Zoom on October 28. The organization typically has its annual meeting at the Revere Hotel, where neighbors can mingle with each other while enjoying drinks and appetizers, but because of the pandemic, the festivities had to be moved online.

Bay Village neighbors will still given the opportunity to converse with one another as well as elected officials during virtual breakout groups before the program began.

BVNA president Bethany

Patten provided remarks at the start of the hearing.

"This has been a tough year," she said, with the organization having to cancel or modify many of its plans for the year, including the first ever Casino Night fundraiser as well as big park cleanup days, among other things.

However, it wasn't all doom and gloom for Boston's smallest neighborhood. "It was a really wonderful time to see the neighborhood come together," Patten said.

State Senator Joe Boncore, State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, as well as City Councilors Annissa Essaibi-George, Ed Flynn, Michael Flaherty, and

Michelle Wu tuned into the call to make re-marks to the neighborhood.

"It's been a difficult time and the City and the Commonwealth have faced difficult challenges since COVID-19 hit," Boncore said. He said that the legislature was able to "expand social safety net resources" as well as expand access to unemployment benefits to restaurant workers and 1099 workers, among others.

He said that when the legislature passes the Fiscal Year 2021 budget, they are looking to "put community first."

As the chair of the transportation committee, Boncore said he is working to get agreement on the transportation bond bill in both chambers. He's also still working on the Red/Blue line connector on the MBTA as well as traffic and congestion on roads. Additionally, the proposed transportation bill includes "investments to improve the experience for bikers and pedestrians," Boncore said.

Michlewitz, who has been the state rep for Bay Village for 11 years, said that "it has been a very difficult time for a lot of folks and being in state government has been no different," as un-expected challenges have had to be worked around.

He said that "police reform is at the top of the list" in "reaction to the George Floyd murder" and the he is "very confident that we are going to get something done before the end of the year."

He also talked about election reform, including vote by mail and expanded access to ballot boxes. He said that the large turnout of mail in voting for the primary "shows that it works and that we should continue to expand that access to the ballot box as best we can."

Councilor Michael Flaherty, who chairs the City Council's Committee on the Community Preservation Act, said that the City is "moving forward with another round of funding," and that 131 projects have received a total of \$67 million so far from three rounds. Bay Village has yet to be a recipient of CPA funding.

Councilor Wu, who is running for mayor, offered some comments related to the pandemic.

"We are nowhere near close to the end of this pandemic," she said. She said that the City is "not seeing the same precautions" when it comes to businesses and the economy. She also mentioned her newly released food justice agenda for the City, which she said includes an "in-terconnectedness of how we should be structuring our economy."

"I'm really concerned about school reopening and what's happening to our young people right now," Wu said. She said that the City has "not been able to create safe ways for schools to open."

Councilor Essaibi-George mentioned that the Council recently passed an ordinance that re-quires all pharmacies to take back sharps, which she said will "help a little with the needle problem across the city." Sharps can be returned to any pharmacy at no cost.

Councilor Ed Flynn said that he is working hard to support "our immigrant neighbors."

He said that "language access is something I focus a lot on," and "we focus a lot of our time and attention policy-wise making sure our immigrant neighbors are treated with respect at City Hall and the City and that persons of color are heard."

After remarks from elected officials, BVNA committees gave brief updates on the past year.

PARKS

Aoife Austin said that "the parks definitely have been getting a little more use with COVID," and she reported that "for the most part, they've been keeping it pretty clean."

SAFETY

"It was an interesting year on the safety side," reported Danny Moll. He said that "throughout the year, we remain the safest neighborhood in Boston." He also reported that the BVNA's long-awaited desire for security cameras in the neighborhood will be fulfilled, as bids for the cameras have been put out.

"Right now, it's in the city's hands to approve, and once they do that...it will come back to us," he said. "We're off to the races on that front."

LICENSING AND PLANNING

Tom Perkins, who will be the new BVNA president, talked about the COVID-19 issues that arose from the opening of Nusr-Et Boston on Arlington St. in mid-September. He thanked Councilor Flynn and Faisa Sharif from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services for their work on the issues, which he said have "quieted down a lot."

The project at 212 Stuart Street has begun, Perkins said, adding that meetings on the Motor Mart garage happened before the pandemic hit. He also said that some of the mitigation funds from this project will go towards the security cameras for the neighborhood.

He said the BVNA is in support of the proposed townhouses on Edgerly Place, and that the project proposed for the Isabella St. church has yet a new developer.

"Carlisle Capital, who had met with us twice to review a proposal, have elected not to follow up," he said. However, KEMS Corp., another developer, presented a proposal to the BVNA on November 2.

ADCO UPDATE

Nancy Morrisroe said that as the Bay Village representative for the Association of Downtown Civic Organizations, she has reported a list of short term rentals that are not following proper guidelines. She also said that they are working on "preventing the influx of electronic bill-boards," as there is currently one proposed for the corner of Beach St. and Harrison Ave. in Chinatown. She said that she is "concerned that this is going to set a precedent."

The BVNA then elected its 2020-2021 Executive Committee, which includes Tom Perkins as President and Bethany Patten as Vice President.

For more information about the BVNA and its various meetings, visit bayvillage.net.



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City Health officials say cases surging due to small gatherings

By Seth Daniel

City officials are warning residents that part of the uptick in COVID-19 cases seems to be clusters in households that seem to be coming not from blockbuster parties, but rather small gatherings that most feel are safe – but end up being COVID spreading events.

Ahead of Gov. Charlie Baker's new 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew on Monday, City Health Chief Marty Martinez and other health officials said they are looking to help people understand how the virus is now spreading.

"It's about multi-generational households in units where people live with two or three different people and have frequent contact with them every day," he said. "It's not just households, but also the really informal small, get-togethers. You have two or three people get together to watch the game.

They all know each other and feel they are fine, but one person has COVID-19 and it spreads to the other two people and they take it home to a household. That's part of what we're seeing in the 39 and under age group. Not doing these things is difficult to do as it gets cold and we get into the holidays.

"There is a lot that individuals can do right now," he continued. "We've just got to double down on it and people need to be careful and avoid these get-togethers. There are super-spreader events, but these are small scenarios that are happening and they increase the spread."

To that end, the City and the Boston Police Department (BPD) were out in force over the Halloween weekend to clamp down on house parties, whether inside or outside and fine the owners if things got out of hand.

"Prevention is one piece but it's also the messaging," he said. "A party, even a small one, that puts you at risk and everyone else around you at risk. It's very important we keep that in mind and we encourage people to think about that. Enforcement is part of it too, and we're tying that together with the BPD."

That was followed up by a more stringent regulation from Gov. Baker on Monday about gatherings, even at private homes.

The new gatherings order also requires that organizers of gatherings report known positive COVID-19 cases to the

local health department in that community and requires organizers to cooperate with contact tracing. The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments and specifies that fines for violating the gathering order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a particular gathering.

•CASES SOAR FOR LATINO RESIDENTS

The COVID-19 case data is no doubt on the rise in Boston, but is still far from the surge in April, Martinez assured.

As of Oct. 24, the daily rate in Boston was 121.3, as com-

pared to April's rate of 331. However, the summer low for cases was 20.6. The positivity rate for testing was at 7.8 percent citywide on Oct. 24.

One of the caveats of the most recent surge is that rates for LatinX populations have gone much higher than in the initial surge, while the rates for Black/African American populations have gone down compared to April. In essence, they've switched places.

However, he said it's a much younger group of people being affected now, particularly those under 39 and LatinX across every neighborhood in Boston.

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Virtual Public Meeting

PLAN: Nubian Square

Virtual Chat with a Planner

Monday, November 16
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/2Jge9ti
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 105 0039

Event Description

Join the PLAN: Nubian Square team to discuss where the planning process is today, and what to expect from future community engagement. The team will be available to answer questions and discuss next steps.

For interpretation services, contact the planner listed below by 11/9/20

Únase al PLAN: al equipo de Nubian Square para analizar la situación actual del proceso de planificación, y lo que se espera de la participación comunitaria en el futuro. El equipo estará disponible para responder preguntas y comentar los próximos pasos.

Para los servicios de interpretación, comuníquese con el planificador que se indica a continuación antes de 09/11/2020.

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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



Positive test rates dramatically spike in Back Bay

Mayor urges all residents to get tested

By John Lynds

As Boston tries to get a handle on the city's COVID-19 spike the positive test rate in the Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods spiked dramatically 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 jumped slightly two weeks ago but exploded last week.

Last week the BPHC reported that 28,161 Back Bay, North End, Beacon Hill, West End and Downtown residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 5 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 138 percent increase from the 2.1 percent testing positive as reported two weeks ago. The citywide average was 7.8 percent, up 13 percent from the 5.9 percent that tested positive two weeks ago.

Overall since the pandemic began 2.7 percent of Back Bay, North End, Beacon Hill, West End and Downtown residents were found to be COVID positive.

The infection rate in the Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods increased 7.2 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed the Back Bay, North End, Beacon Hill, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 139.9 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 130.5 cases per 10,000 residents.

Fifty-four more residents became infected with the virus and the total number of cases in the area increased from 726 cases to 780 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 last week were set

at 21,275 cases and deaths from the virus were totaled at 871. This seems like a huge jump from last week's numbers but the BPHC explained the numbers posted Tuesday, "include a one-time increase that is part of an ongoing effort to ensure data accuracy in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The additional cases are no longer active and were contacted appropriately when the individual tested positive. The additional deaths are spread out over the last 3 to 6 months."

In response to the spikes here and across the city, Mayor Martin Walsh is urging everyone to get tested in order to stop the spread.

The philosophy of Walsh's administration is now, 'the more people who know they have COVID, the more we can isolate the sick from the healthy'.

In order to ensure more people get tested Walsh said Tuesday the city has continued to add free testing resources, especially in neighborhoods with higher case rates.

The Mayor noted that the City has passed the 20,000 case mark, or 2.9 percent of Boston's population, a clear indicator of the reach of the virus and the work needed to prevent further spread.

Last week Walsh unveiled the city's "Get the Test, Boston" pledge, campaign, and social media toolkit. The new initiative to encourage everyone to get tested regularly for COVID-19.

He discussed the importance of getting tested as part of keeping yourself and your family safe, and helping the City track the presence of the virus and respond effectively.

"The City is currently investing in more testing resources, more contact tracing capacity, and more ability to support people who need to quarantine," said Walsh. "But, despite increased access, we've seen our daily testing numbers fall off in recent weeks."

The Mayor said we need to get more people tested, and asked for everyone's help.

"Reasons to get tested immediately include having COVID-

like symptoms, having been exposed to someone with a confirmed case, having been part of a large gathering, or having recently traveled," he said. "In addition the virus is spreading among people who don't have symptoms who may not know they've been exposed. So we want everyone to be proactive and get tested if you are leaving your house for any reason."

The Mayor said that he gets tested regularly and that it's a quick and painless experience. He also called it an opportunity to arm yourself with knowledge and be part of our community's defense against this virus.

"We will soon have stickers available at our mobile testing sites that say "I got the test" to help raise awareness and show there is no stigma to getting tested," he said. "We also have a social media toolkit available and we're asking everyone to promote the importance of getting tested throughout their networks."

The Mayor recognized that work hours can make it harder to find time to get tested, so he is asking employers to make it easier for workers to get tested.

"The "Get the Test, Boston" Pledge is a commitment that employers and individuals can make to support testing access," said Walsh. "It keeps your workforce healthy and productive, it prevents an outbreak that could hurt business, and it's a way to help our city avoid having to roll back reopening. The City of Boston is taking the Pledge and offering eligible City employees one paid hour every 14 days to get tested during work hours. Employees will receive regular compensation for their time spent testing, and will not be required to use sick or personal time for that hour."

Other employers can fulfill the Pledge in ways that work for them and their industry.

"All you have to do is encourage your employees to get tested and provide them with information about how and where to get tested," said Walsh. "You can also consider giving paid time off, or other forms of flexibility, for workers to get tested during work hours."

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 Nov. 4 License Board meeting, online:

•Holly Crab Boston, Inc. D/B/A: Holly Crab; 1098 COMMONWEALTH Ave., Back Bay.

Has applied for a Common Victualler License to be exercised on the above - 1500 SF Restaurant on first floor with basement for storage, bathroom and 4 tables. Manager: Kenneth Kang. Hours of Operation: noon to 11 p.m.

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 Public Improvements Commission hearing, 10 a.m., online:

•545 Washington Street; Boston Proper – Projection License – On a petition by Back Deck Inc. (d/b/a French Quarter)

•177 West Eighth Street, Lark Street; South Boston – Specific Repairs – On a petition by Lark St Better Built LLC

•60 Kilmarnock Street, Queensberry Street; Boston Proper – Pedestrian Easement, Specific Repairs – On a set of petitions by 60 Kilmarnock (Boston) Owner LLC

•212 Stuart Street, Church Street, Shawmut Street; Boston Proper – Specific Repairs, Projection License – On a set of petitions by GUGV II 212 Stuart Property Owning LLC

From the Nov. 5 Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, 4 p.m., online:

•Determine deadlines and process for filling the remainder of the term of Mi-chael Loconto.

•Review School Committee application.

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

Please note: This hearing is rescheduled from Tuesday, November 3, 2020, in observance 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 win-dows.

From the Nov. 6, 11 a.m., COMMITTEE ON CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES HEARING: Order for a hearing to discuss house parties and gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic. This matter is sponsored by Councilor Ed Flynn and Councilor Mi-chael Flaherty and was referred to the Committee on City and Neighborhood Services on October 21, 2020.

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

From the Nov. 10, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, 9:30 a.m., online:

•11 Bond Aly, South End. Applicant: FDJGA, LLC. Purpose: Change Occupancy from 3 Apartments, 1 Retail Store to 3 Executive Suites, 1 Retail Store no work to be done existing condition

•2 Board Aly, South End. Applicant: Bricco Realty, LLC. Purpose: Change Occupancy from existing condition 8 Apartments and Commercial space in Basement (Bakery) to 8 Executive Suites and Bakery no work to be done.

•293 Northampton St., South End. Applicant: Northampton Parking, LLC. Purpose: The Applicant seeks to continue to use the Premises as a public parking lot for a fee, capacity nineteen (19) vehicles with one (1) handicap parking spaces and eighteen (18) regular parking spaces under Permit For Use of Premises

From the Nov. 10 Bay Village Historic District Commission, online, 4 p.m.:

Design Review

•132 Arlington St.: Construct three residential units on existing surface parking lot.

•10 Ederly Place: Construct two residential units on existing surface parking lot.

From the Nov. 10 Boston Landmarks Commission, 6 p.m., online via Zoom (HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/87691988329):

•Demolition Delay Hearing - 1252-1268 Boylston St. Demolition of existing commercial building.

•Demolition Delay Hearing - 1270 Boylston St. Demolition of existing commercial building.

•Review of properties and

Vote on eligibility of Community Preservation Act funding

From the Nov. 12 Back Bay Architectural Commission, 4:30 p.m., online via Zoom (HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/81570423097):

VIOLATIONS - 4:30 p.m.

•305 Beacon Street: Unapproved installation of deck at rear elevation.

•329 Commonwealth Avenue: Unapproved installation of HVAC units at rear deck and on top of penthouse roof.

DESIGN REVIEW – 5 p.m.

•48 Gloucester Street: Re-design storefront and add window signage.

•353 Beacon Street: Construct roof deck and relocate access hatch.

•126 Marlborough Street: Construct roof deck and penthouse.

•53 Marlborough Street & 300 Berkeley Street: At courtyard: remove two existing condensers, replace two windows in-kind, masonry infill at one window and one door; reverse swing of existing door, and install new make-up air hvac unit, with duct penetration through new masonry infill; at roof of 300 Berkeley Street: remove three existing rooftop condensers and install thirteen new condensers on spring isolation dampers; and at entrance to 53 Marlborough Street: replace handrail at entrance.

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•252 Newbury Street: At front façade add bump out and redesign dig-out area at lower level.

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 a.m.,

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 CONCERNS

•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.

PENTHOUSE OVERLOOKING THE GARDEN



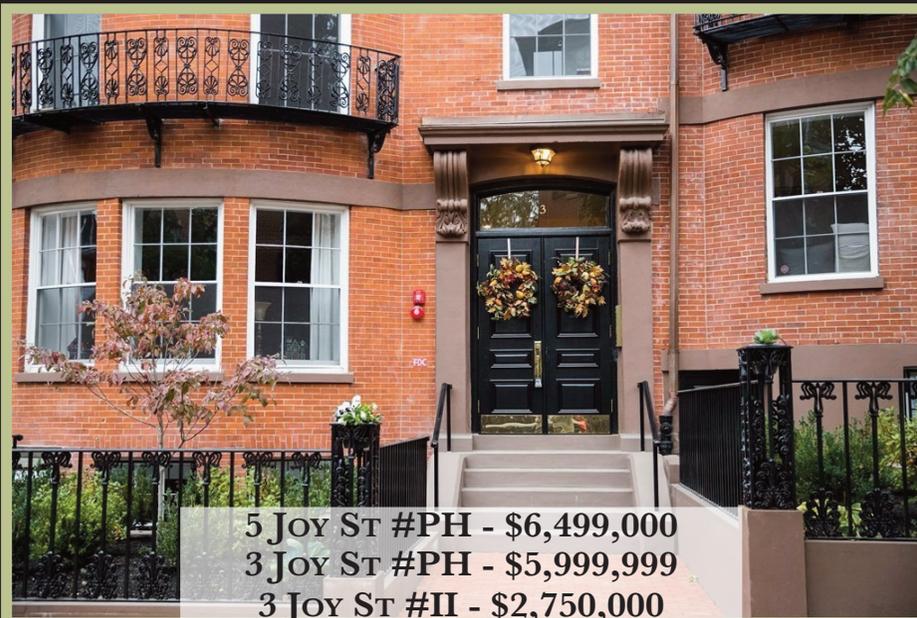
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3 BEDS | 4 BATHS | 3,300 SQFT
\$7,200,000



80 BROAD STREET #PH1101
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\$1,590,000



36 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE #1
4 BEDS | 4.5 BATHS | 3,565 SQFT
\$7,990,000



5 JOY ST #PH - \$6,499,000
3 JOY ST #PH - \$5,999,999
3 JOY ST #II - \$2,750,000



403 MARLBOROUGH STREET #14
2 BEDS | 1 BATH | 946 SQFT
\$899,000

