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## Residents join fight against Line 3 pipeline

By Lauren Bennett

Efforts to stop the Enbridge Energy Line 3 oil pipeline (which runs from the Alberta tar sands through areas of the Midwest) replacement project have ramped up in recent weeks, including support from right here in Boston.

Local organizations like the Boston node of 350.org, Mothers Out Front, the Sierra Club, and others have advocated for the creation of jobs in renewable energy and to stop gas pipelines and leaks in Greater Boston for years, but now, national attention has been placed on Line 3 in recent weeks as activists in

Minnesota protest against the pipeline for protection of treaty rights of Native American tribes in an area of Minnesota where the pipeline is proposed to be expanded. The pipeline also poses a number of environmental concerns, activists say.

Jackie Royce, a Boston resident and a member of many of local environmental groups, said that these organizations have “stopping pipelines as a high priority.”

Many have compared the Line 3 pipeline to the Keystone XL pipeline, which was recently stopped by the Biden adminis-

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## Crite Park gets a start with nomination for \$250K CPA grant

By Seth Daniel

The Friends of Crite Park have taken one step in the right direction to completely change the landscape and programming for Crite Park in the South End with a \$250,000 Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant awarded to them last Thursday.

The grant is still contingent upon approval by the City Council in March, and the signature of the mayor, both of which are expected.

Cheryl Dickinson, president of the Crite Park effort, said they were overjoyed by the grant, but it is only Phase 1 in what is now a five-phase project.

“I hope people are patient with us because it’s going to take time due to funding,” she said. “We are working vigorously to do this as quickly as we can so it’s ready to go further. Phase 2 may not have all the furniture in place yet, but we can bring lawn chairs and still have our programming. The key to our message now is

we will remain committed until our work through the funding and it’s complete. Then wait until you see what the programming will be like then.”

Crite Park is not more than a brick wall stopover with some overgrown, and some dead, trees at the zenith of West Canton, Appleton and Columbus Avenue. Named after the late, famed African American painter Allan Rohan Crite of the South End, the park had seen better days when the Friends began working in tandem with the Ellis South End Neighborhood Association, Councilor Ed Flynn, Crite’s widow and a number of other partners with the goal of making it more of a destination and less of a stopover.

The Phase 1 funding will cover the cost of demolishing the brick wall that’s currently there, getting rid of the dead trees, transferring some of the unwanted plantings to the Southwest Corridor Park,

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## ONLY DAYS REMAIN TO SEE THE HATCH LIGHTSHOW



PHOTO COURTESY GARDEN CLUB OF THE BACK BAY/STEPHANIE FLETCHER

The fun winter light show at the Esplanade Hatch Shell – ‘Hatched: Breaking through the Silence’ by Maria Finkelmeier and her team – is on display nightly from 5-9 p.m. only until Feb. 21. The multi-sensory experience is like no other on the Esplanade, and is only available for a few more days. Here, a couple and their dog ventured out in last weekend’s winter weather to enjoy the nightly show.

## Johnny: Long-time resident John Jones passes after battle with cancer

By Alison Barnet

John Jones, 74, passed away earlier this month after a long battle with lung cancer.

Those from the neighborhood will miss seeing him sitting on a bench outside the South End library, at Sparrow Park or Sarni

Cleaners (now Utopia), and at a library table reading newspapers. He also volunteered at the food pantry at Union United Methodist Church.

He was born on Martha’s Vineyard and may have been a Chappaquiddick Indian, as his family claimed, but John always

insisted, “I go by Black.”

Likeable, interesting, and honest, Johnny, as he was known, knew the South End well, having grown up here from age 7. He told great stories about people of the past (and sometimes the

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## Old South Church recommended to receive \$150,000 CPA grant from city to help defray costs of tower repairs

By Dan Murphy

Old South Church has been recommended to receive a \$150,000 Community Preservation Act grant from the city, which will pay a portion of the cost to make emergency repairs on its 246-foot tower.

“We have a 20-year building plan, and we’re always looking

at the next project,” said Rev. Nancy S. Taylor, “but this was a surprise that wasn’t on the list.”

The church first learned that masonry in the tower was cracking last year, she said, during an inspection of the building mandated every five years due to its significant height.

“The tower failed inspection so we knew we had to go up

there anyway,” Rev. Taylor said. “We pulled some stones out and saw that steel infrastructure was rusting, which is literally pushing stones out and cracking them on three corners.”

To remedy the situation, the individual stones in the tower will be removed at the corners,

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# EDITORIAL

## USE COMMON SENSE WHEN DRIVING

Perusing through the police reports these days makes it apparent that the winter season is here -- and with it, the usual array of traffic incidents and accidents.

Although we have not had any of the big blizzard-type of winter events this season (at least so far), we now are in a period of a stormy weather pattern that is sending us small snow & ice events that in reality are even more treacherous than big storms.

The number of auto accidents seems to be inversely proportional to the size of the snowfall. It's as though motorists think, "This isn't too bad," and then proceed to drive too fast for the conditions.

In addition, we would remind our readers who have all-wheel drive vehicles that four wheels on ice are just as useless as the two wheels of a rear-drive vehicle, if you know what we mean. In other words, ice is ice is ice, regardless of what kind of vehicle you may be driving.

So during this upcoming period of stormy weather, if you do have to be out on the roads, please drive SLOWLY. There is no such thing as exercising too much caution in wintry weather

## A NORTH POLE HURRICANE

Residents in Texas and along the Gulf Coast have become accustomed in recent years to a seemingly-endless onslaught of devastating hurricanes barreling up from the Gulf of Mexico.

Hurricane Harvey a few years ago dumped more rain and caused more flooding than any weather event in the region's history.

However, even with the hurricane season long-over, this part of the nation is being subjected to a weather event that has knocked out the region's power grid, leaving millions of residents without in the dark and without heat.

But instead of coming from the south, this latest force of nature has surged from the north thanks to a dip in the polar vortex from the Arctic. The result has been a cataclysmic storm that has crippled the entire region.

It's one thing to be without power amidst warm weather, but quite another to be without power when the temperatures are dipping to near-zero.

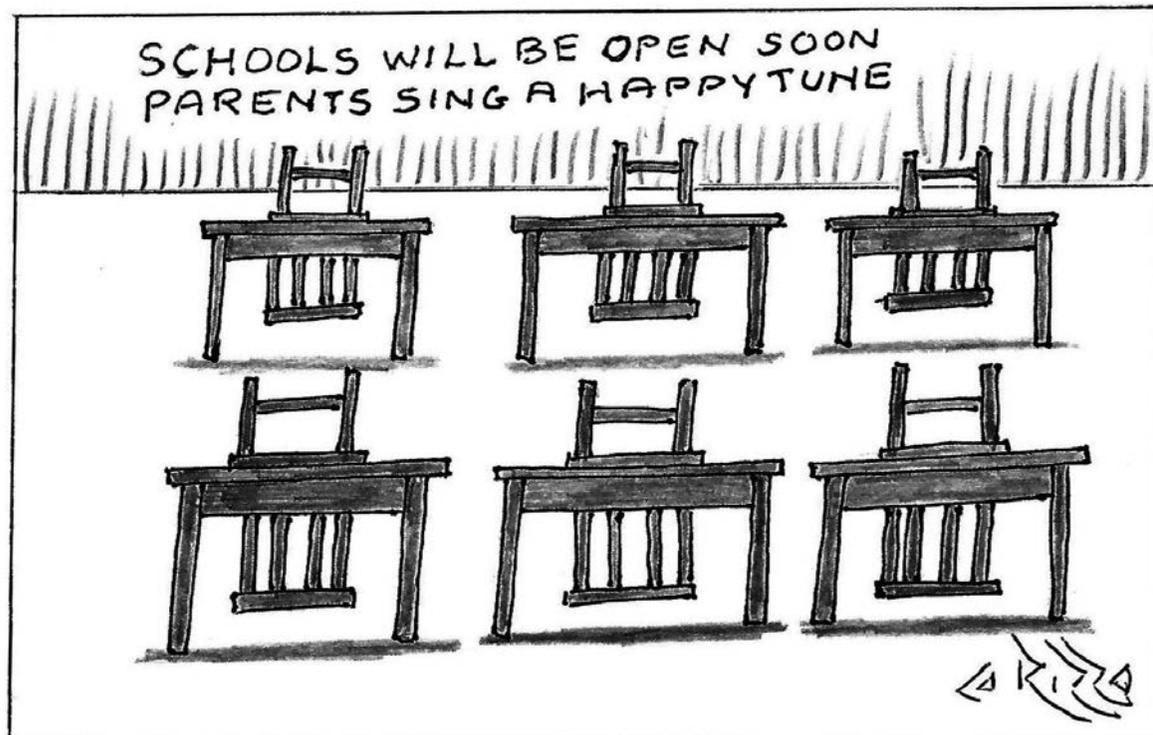
Climate change is not simply about global warming -- though it's true that the earth's average temperature has continued to climb year-after-year for the past decade.

Climate change also is about extreme weather of the sort that wreaks havoc in unexpected ways.

The Texas power grid was completely unprepared for the near-zero temperature conditions that have struck that part of the country, with the result that millions of people are facing a dire, life-threatening situation.

Climate change is arriving faster than anyone predicted -- and whatever window we have to reverse course is closing rapidly, if it already isn't too late.

Yes, the pandemic is demanding our immediate attention, but climate change needs to be addressed urgently -- because if we fail to do so, the worst is yet to come.



### JOHNNY (from pg. 1)

present): Lucille Banks, Anna Bobbitt Gardner, Allan Crite. He remembered Owen's barbershop, Sonnabend's pawnshop, going to dances at Tremont Methodist Church, and he loved "dives" like Handy's and the Party Café.

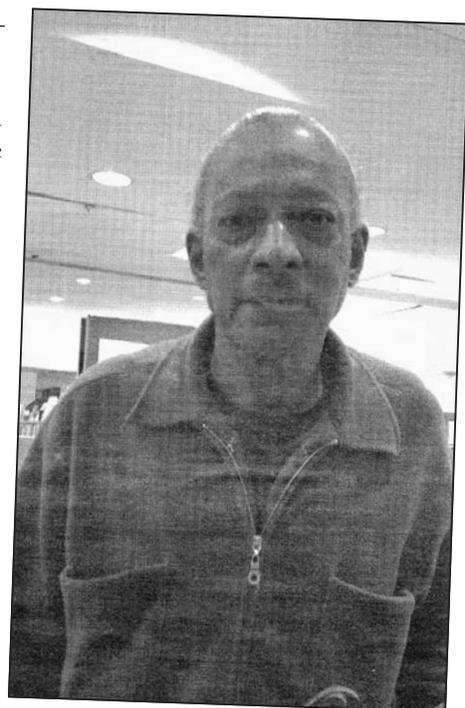
Raised on West Canton Street by an aunt by marriage, he went to local schools, the Rice and Franklin (later Mackey), then to the Timilty and Brighton High, where he graduated. His very first job was at Knight Drug, at Camden and Washington Streets, a job Mel King helped him get. He worked at Harvard as crew chief of Facilities and Maintenance for 26 years and also worked at banks.

He often told this story: At the time of the 1968 Tent City demonstrations, he had a job at

Bank of New England and didn't want to be arrested. So he spent the night in a tent—"I loved it."

He lived on Greenwich Park, getting evicted when the house was sold, and in recent years on W. Newton Street. It was on W. Newton Street that he died, stressed out apparently after being relocated during IBA's renovation of the block.

A neighbor has suggested a memorial fountain or bird feeder at the Library Park in memory of Johnny feeding the birds. A sister of his will bring his body home to Martha's Vineyard.



John Jones, 74, passed away this month after a long battle with lung cancer. Living in the South End since age 7, he was often found at Library Park feeding the birds, among other spots in the South End.

### CRITE PARK (from pg. 1)

grading the site, putting in irrigation and hardscaping the site.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) asked that the project, estimated at around \$950,000 in total, be broken up into five phases in order to be funded this time around. One of the issues with the project is that it has to be re-created and not just refurbished.

"We have to do it one by one now in five phases," said Dickinson. "The project is so big and we're not just building a new park; we're establishing a new site by demolishing something

that's already there. This is just to set it up so it can be built on."

She said Phase 2 would likely include the historically-appropriate frames for the pergolas and the lighting. Phase 3 would include the granite curbing on the site, the fencing and the street furniture in the park. Phase 4 would be the plantings and trees, and Phase 5 would include the extras like the all-weather Crite painting of the South End that will grace the centerpiece of the park.

Dickinson said they would be competing for other grants from

the Henderson Foundation and the Browne Fund -- as well as a robust private fundraising effort also. She said they will have to return to the CPC for future funding rounds as well.

"The message here right now is we're not stopping until this is complete," reiterated Dickinson.

The work on Phase 1 is expected to begin in the summer after the grant money is approved and delivered. A design has already been completed and submitted and vetted by the community as well.

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# Seniors 65 and older and those with two or more comorbidities will be eligible for vaccine on Feb. 18

## Baker asks residents to be patient for their appointments

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker announced on Wednesday that beginning on February 18, individuals age 65 and older, as well as those with two or more “certain medical conditions” will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

These conditions include: “asthma (moderate-to-severe), cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), Down Syndrome, heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies, immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)

from solid organ transplant, obesity and severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or higher), pregnancy, sickle cell disease, smoking, [and] Type 2 diabetes mellitus,” according to the state.

“Our goal has been to protect and preserve life, and support our healthcare system,” Baker said. On February 1, residents age 75 and older became eligible for the vaccine, and Baker said that the state has “seen significant progress over the past two weeks to get shots in arms to that community.”

Last week, 285,000 total doses were administered, and more than 251,000 residents have received their first dose of the vaccine, Baker said, which is “over half of the statewide population in this group” and “exceeds the national average for this group.” In total, more than 1.1 million doses have been administered statewide.

“We now rank number nine in the country for first dose vaccinations per capita,” Baker said, adding that the state ranks number one nationwide “for total shots administered per capita among the 24 states that have more than five million people.”

Baker said that there are “hundreds of sites across the state” that are able to administer the vaccine, and that 95 percent of the state’s population “lives within a 45 minute drive of a mass vaccination site” or within a 30 minute drive of a high volume regional provider.

“We’ve also made improvements to the booking process by developing new tools on our website and opening a call center to assist residents who can’t book appointments online,” Baker said.

Beginning February 18, those 65 and older and those with two or more medical conditions outline by the state can book an

appointment for their first vaccine at [mass.gov/covidvaccine](https://mass.gov/covidvaccine).

Baker said that new appointments will be available on Thursday morning beginning at around 8am. “There’s no reason to stay up all night,” he said.

However, Baker stressed that getting an appointment might not happen immediately for all those who are eligible because the state is limited by how much vaccine it receives from the federal government.

“These two groups that we’re now opening up the vaccination process to represents approximately a million people,” “It’s important to remember that the federal government only sends states a small amount of vaccine every week.”

He said that for the past few weeks, Massachusetts has received approximately 110,000 first doses per week.

“Unless we see a massive increase in shipments from the

feds, it will take us at least a month for people in these new groups to be able to book their first vaccine appointment,” Baker said.

“We all remain hopeful that those numbers will increase from the federal government as we go forward, but it’s important for people to understand that at this point in time, it’s about 110,000 new doses a week for first doses, and we now have a group that represents somewhere around a million people that’s going to be joining the ranks of those who are eligible.”

Baker said that the state continues to build out capacity at vaccination sites so “if and when” the supply increases, they will be prepared to vaccinate as many people as possible/

“There’s going to be vaccine eventually for everyone, and everyone will get an appointment,” he said. “It’s just going to take a little while.”

# Ayer Mansion recommended to receive \$30,000 city CPA grant

By Dan Murphy

The Ayer Mansion has been recommended to receive a \$30,000 Community Preserva-

tion Act grant from the city that will allow it to finish restoration work on the façade of the Tiffany-designed building, wrapping up a project that first got under-

way in 2006.

Jeanne Pelletier, Preservation Advisor for the Campaign for the Ayer Mansion, said the city funds and a matching grant already received from the Massachusetts Historical Society would be used to address the extensive deterioration and loss of original stained glasswork designed by venerable American artist Louis Comfort Tiffany that is embedded in the inset stone columns flanking the main entrance, as well as to restore the massive copper-clad front doors, along with their 16 Tiffany glass insets, back to their original condition.

“It’s been a long haul to try to get the project done before we lose any more Tiffany features,” said Pelletier, who added that 75 percent of the 1,122 pieces of Tiffany glass originally in the stone columns are now damaged or missing. “They are in bad shape, mostly because they are at touching level and people brush against them, and we lose more pieces of glass every day.”

Pelletier extended her gratitude to the city on behalf of the Ayer Mansion for selecting them as one of the grant recipients, following the highly competitive bid for fiscal ’21 CPA funds.

“It’s tremendously hard to fundraise for preservation work in this economic climate,” Pel-

letier said. “We’re tremendously grateful to be funded by the CPA, which is one of the few programs giving large grants for restoration work.”

The Ayer Mansion also hopes that finishing this exterior restoration work will bring the building some additional visibility and exposure, said Pelletier, especially given its location on the “neglected portion” of Commonwealth Avenue.

“We’re not well known because we are more in the Kenmore Square area below Mass Ave, so a lot of people drive right by and don’t even notice us,” Pelletier said. “Theses funds will

enable us to restore the exterior of the building and give the lower Back Bay-Kenmore area some more prominence, and really help bring more people down to this area.”

Built between 1899 and 1902 for sarsaparilla magnate Frederick Ayer, the Ayer Mansion, located at 395 Commonwealth Ave., is a National Historic Landmark, which is the only surviving example of a house designed by Tiffany, and has the only known example of his exterior artwork.

To learn more about the Ayer Mansion, visit [www.ayermansion.org](http://www.ayermansion.org).



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The Ayer Mansion at 395 Commonwealth Ave.



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# Two firms announced for Boston's first Urban Forest Plan

Staff report

Martin J. Walsh and Boston Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ryan Woods on Friday announced two consultants have been selected to develop Boston's Urban Forest Plan.

Boston landscape architecture firm Stoss Landscape Urbanism and forestry consultant Urban Canopy Works have been selected to co-lead the effort to develop the City of Boston's first Urban Forest Plan. Stoss was awarded the contract with Urban Canopy Works as a subconsultant. The 20-year plan will set citywide goals for canopy protection, be responsive to climate change and development, and enhance the quality of life for all Bostonians. The Urban Forest Plan will be a collaborative effort that includes a community advisory group, interdepartmental working group and community outreach. Recognizing that environmental injustice exists in Boston, the planning process will embed support for communities that have

been disproportionately impacted by environmental stressors. Planning will touch upon a wide variety of topics, such as ecology, design, policy, practices and funding.

"Trees are an important part of making Boston's communities resilient. This plan is the first of its kind in Boston, and it will expand and protect one of our most precious natural resources, while prioritizing the needs of our residents," said Mayor Walsh. "Developing an urban forest plan is important to ensure our tree canopy in Boston is equitable, responsive to climate change and ensures quality of life for all Bostonians. This collaborative project with Stoss Landscape Urbanism and Urban Canopy Works will prioritize community input to ensure that residents in our neighborhoods have a central voice in this process."

Said Woods, "It's no coincidence that many of the communities disproportionately impacted by poor air quality and the urban 'heat island' effect, also have inadequate tree cover. We're

excited to collaborate with these partners to find opportunities for growing tree canopy in the places that need it most."

The project team will also work closely with a community advisory group and an interdepartmental working group with input from residents, community organizations, businesses, and institutions. Kicking off in spring of 2021, the planning process will take approximately one year to complete. The community advisory group will be formed in late spring of this year. The public will have an opportunity to weigh in on the plan in early fall, after the assessment and scoping phases.

One of the project tasks, along with scoping the project and assessing the existing state of the canopy, will be to develop a plan for engaging the community. The outreach plan will prioritize populations that have been disproportionately exposed to environmental stressors; be sensitive to differences in cultures, economic realities, and built environments across Boston; incorporate City of Boston Language and Com-

munications Access guidelines; consider equity and accessibility in both in-person and online engagement strategies; and retain flexibility to adapt engagement strategies in response to changing public health recommendations.

Joining Stoss Landscape Urbanism and Urban Canopy Works, the plan will be developed with contributions from American Forests, Nitsch Engineering, PlanITGeo, local experts, and the public. Dr. Neenah-Estrella Luna of Northeastern University will support the effort to make environmental justice the foundation of the project.

The final plan document will highlight policy tools to control canopy loss on private property, as well as guidelines for protecting and expanding canopy on public property, like streets and parks. Over the past five years, tree removals on residential, private, and institutional property have been the main contributors to canopy loss. The finalized plan will provide recommendations for canopy protection and expansion through proposed

changes to the development review process, as well as new policies and ordinances, including draft language and methods of enforcement aimed at protecting and expanding the tree canopy.

The Urban Forest Plan is a critical piece of the vision for the City's tree canopy goals laid out in Imagine Boston 2030 and Climate Ready Boston.

In addition to the \$500,000 budgeted for the Urban Forest Plan, historic investments in Boston's tree canopy this year will also support the hiring of a new arborist and the added capacity for up to 1,000 additional tree plants, doubling the total capacity to 2,000 trees planted per year. The Tree Canopy Assessment, released in September, supports efforts to increase access to trees and their benefits in "under-treed" neighborhoods, as a part of the City's commitment to environmental justice. For more information about Boston's Urban Forest Plan, please email parks@boston.gov.

## Business advocacy groups file discrimination complaint against the City Of Boston

Staff report

The Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA), the Greater Boston Latino Network (GBLN), and Amplify Lat-

inx filed a civil rights complaint Wednesday against the City of Boston in response to gross racial disparities in public contracting under the Walsh Administration.

Lawyers for Civil Rights filed

the complaint, under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) alleging that the City of Boston has engaged in a pattern of discrimination against Black- and Latinx-owned businesses by maintaining a public procurement system that unlawfully excludes these businesses from equal contracting opportunities.

The City of Boston commissioned a disparity study in 2018 to assess the demographics and circumstances surrounding the recipients of public contracts under the Walsh Administration. The recently-completed study found that just 1.2% of the \$2.1 billion spent in public contracts went to Black- and Latinx-owned businesses - despite the fact that such businesses are available in much greater numbers to do the work that the City requires. The City spent less than half a percent - or \$9.4 million - with Black-owned businesses alone. The stark racial disparities - over which the City has direct control - demonstrate deliberate and intentional discrimination against Black- and Latinx-owned businesses on the part of the City, according to the complaint.

Complainants outline how the findings of the disparity study constitute compelling evidence

of discrimination, with Black and Latinx business owners confirming the many ways in which the City's "old boys' network" unfairly excludes them from contracting opportunities:

As the study's rigorous statistical analysis demonstrates, Black- and Latinx-owned businesses are ready, willing, and able to perform the type of work that the City needs, but the Walsh Administration simply did not contract with them.

According to the disparity study, Black-owned businesses were unfairly denied over \$70 million in contracting opportunities over the five-year study period. That is more than \$70 million that could have gone to Black-owned businesses to help close the opportunity and wealth gaps in historically disadvantaged communities.

"The study reveals what BECMA members and community leaders have been saying for decades: The City of Boston does not value Black businesses or the Black community," said Segun Idowu, President and CEO of BECMA, the lead complainant in the case. "Mayor Martin J. Walsh and his administration have failed to deliver fair and equitable procurement for Black owned businesses, as well as for other minority-owned business-

es. Bold leadership is required to immediately correct this systemic problem."

"The intentional concentration of contract awards with favored white-owned businesses exacerbates and compounds contracting disparities along racial and ethnic lines that have long persisted in Boston," says Rosario Ubiera-Minaya, Executive Director of Amplify Latinx, another complainant. "This harm poses a real economic cost to our Black and Latino communities, and the City must act immediately to correct these inequities."

The Complaint explains that the gross inequities confirmed by the disparity study amply demonstrate that a race-conscious procurement program is long overdue and must be implemented with urgency to cure the deep injustices embedded in Boston's public contracting.

The complaint calls for immediate federal intervention and oversight to compel the City to enact race-conscious measures to break down the discriminatory barriers to equitable contracting opportunities. The complaint also calls for the creation of a community-driven remediation process based on the needs identified by the small business communities injured and harmed by the City.

## Boston State Delegation supports waiving mayoral special election

By Seth Daniel

All of the downtown members of the Boston State delegation signed on to a letter last week in support of the Home Rule Petition that would eliminate the potential mayoral special election if Mayor Martin Walsh were to leave the seat before March 6.

Roxbury/Fenway State Rep. Chynah Tyler, chair of the Boston delegation, presented the letter with the Home Rule Petition passed by the City Council, and presented it to the leaders of the State Legislature.

"We write to you today in strong support of the Home Rule Petition passed by the Boston City Council and signed by Mayor Martin Walsh to waive the requirement for a special municipal election to fill the vacancy he will leave behind," read the letter. "Amid the pandemic, we truly understand the

burden placed upon the City and the risk to people's health and safety in holding two special elections. The health and safety of all residents of Boston is our number one priority."

Also signing on from the downtown neighborhoods was State Rep. Jay Livingstone, State Sen. Joe Boncore, State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, State Rep. Jon Santiago and State Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz.

The Home Rule Petition has been filed as HD 1757 'An Act Relative to the Office of the Mayor of the City of Boston.'

The letter indicates the delegation will work quickly to usher the Home Rule through the legislature and calls on House Speaker Ron Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka to help in that effort.

The entire Boston Delegation signed the letter in addition to those mentioned above.

# OLD SOUTH CHURCH

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she said, while the backs will be shaved off each stone. The steel will also be cleaned and resealed before the stones are put back in place.

Additionally, she said, slate now missing or broken on the roof of the tower will be repaired as part of the project.

While no bids have come in yet, it's expected to cost a minimum of \$1.6 million, Rev. Taylor said, so while the \$150,000 CPA grant awarded to the church is much appreciated, it will only pay a fraction of the estimated cost of the project, which is expected to get underway this spring.

"It's a great gift, but a small number compared to the [the projected cost]," Rev. Taylor said.

Still, Old South Church feels fortunate to have been chosen as one of the recipients in the highly competitive bid for the city's CPA grants for fiscal '21.

"Boston has a lot of old build-



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Shown above, Old South Church and its signature 246-foot tower, which is slated for repairs.

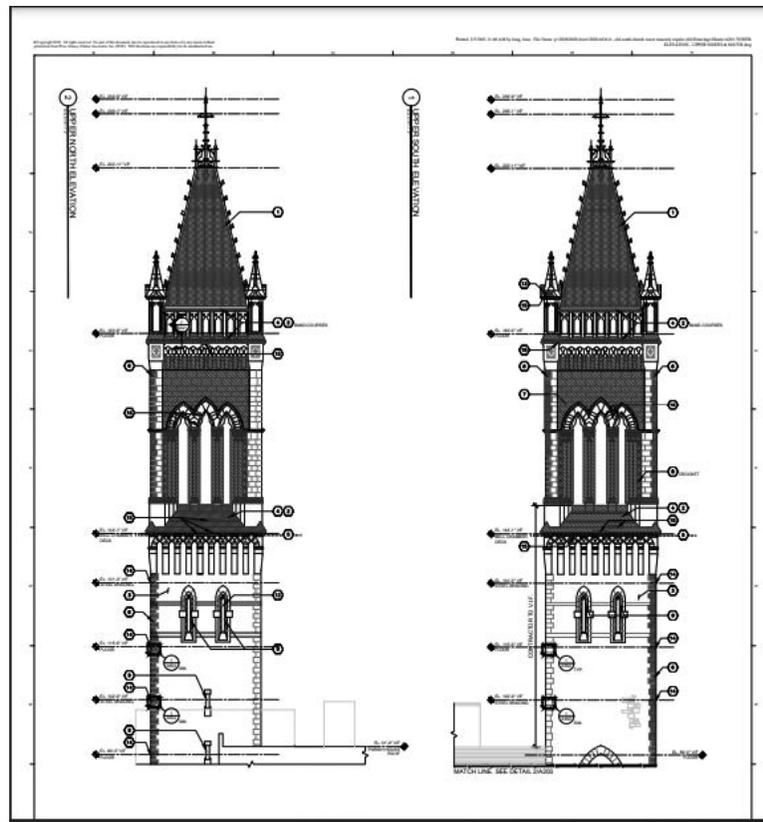
Shown left, an architectural rendering of the Old South Church tower.

ings, and they cost a lot to maintain so it was really a painful process [determining which organizations ultimately receive the funding]," said Rev. Taylor, who watched on Zoom as the Community Preservation Committee mulled over applications before making their final recommenda-

tions for allocating the funds.

But even after the repairs on the tower are made, and barring any more unforeseen "surprises," upkeep on the building will unquestionably continue to be a costly endeavor, albeit a necessary one for Old South Church.

"We steward this wonderful



building for the city and it's a big undertaking," Rev. Taylor said. "We host a lot community events and have a lot of organizations that we sponsor and host in our

building. It's more than a church – it's a hive of activity."

To learn more about Old South Church, visit [oldsouth.org](http://oldsouth.org).

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## LINE 3 PIPELINE (from pg. 1)

tration, and now the goal is to tell President Biden to do the same with Line 3, which began construction in Minnesota in December 2020, according to Enbridge's website.

As a former Minnesota resident, Royce said she is "particularly interested" in the Line 3 pipeline project and she, along with residents Pamela Musoke and Sandy Weinstein, brought signs to the Boston Women's Memorial on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall on January 10 that read: "PRESIDENT BIDEN: YOU CAN'T 'BUILD BACK BETTER' UNLESS YOU BUILD BACK FOSSIL FREE" to help send the message to President Biden that they believe the pipeline should be stopped.

The statues of Lucy Stone, Abigail Adams, and Phillis Wheatley donned masks along with Royce, Musoke, and Weinstein as they stood "in solidarity with tribes in Northern Minnesota," according to Royce.

"If they were alive today, they would go to the front and

demonstrate," Royce said. "They would publicize what was wrong about that," she added, speaking about the Line 3 pipeline.

"Today's government just disregarded the treaty that this is their land," she said of the Native American tribes. "They would never have allowed polluting of their sacred wild rice or their rivers that they fish from."

Royce explained that groups across the country have disseminated information about different actions people can take, and "they send a description of what people should do" to support this effort from where they are if they cannot make it to Minnesota. They include things like making posters and signs with a message like the one Royce, Musoke, and Weinstein were holding to send a message to President Biden to stop the work on the pipeline.

Royce said that spreading the word about this issue is important, and showing her support through the photos and signs was one of the ways she could help.



Boston residents Pamela Musoke, Sandy Weinstein, and Jackie Royce stand with the statues of Lucy Stone, Abigail Adams, and Phillis Wheatley with signs advocating against the Line 3 pipeline in Minnesota.

Deb Pasternak, Chapter Director of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club, said that "getting behind this fight on the Line 3 is a priority for the Sierra Club. On the federal level, there's advocacy going on, and the Minnesota chapter is in the fight as well."

She said the Massachusetts Chapter is "showing up for partners when asked to," and she believes that there are opportunities for the creation of permanent jobs in the renewable energy field that could provide a stable living for those who work on pipelines like Line 3, as those who support the pipeline have said shutting it down would cause the loss of jobs.

She said local jobs can come from wind and solar energy industries. "There's a big opportunity for good paying jobs both in the erection and the building and the operations," she said, as well as "in the manufacturing components for these industries. It's a way the US can build back better."

She said that the Line 3 pipeline is "sending money out of the country to bring in this dirty fuel," and "also polluting our environment in the process instead of creating green energy and building our local economy."

Pasternak said she realizes that "pipeline workers are impacted workers," but "it's our responsibility to make sure the workers are given the opportunity to transition into new jobs that are equally good paying with equal benefits, or that they can pursue whatever oath they want to choose," but she said the construction of pipelines has to stop.

She added, "I do think that this project is very much like Keystone. It's crazy that if we

have an opportunity not to build this that we would build this."

Michel said that "building a pipeline is a one-time job," and that people from across the county were hired to work on the Line 3 pipeline, not just Minnesota residents.

"I have great compassion for the skilled labor in this country and the ways in which they've been squeezed," he said. "These people are awesome, but they're doing the wrong job."

James O. Michel, also part of multiple climate advocacy organizations both local and national, said that from a "climate lens," the Line 3 pipeline is certainly a risk, but he believes the "more egregious" thing about it is that it violates Native American treaty rights in Michigan where the pipeline would cross.

Michel said that as a part of Yet-To-Be-Named Network, which "works at the intersection of climate resilience and racial justice," he "organized an expedition out to take direct action in northern Minnesota at the beginning of the month."

He also explained that aside from the Line 3 pipeline, there are others coming from Alberta including the Keystone XL pipeline, which President Biden has revoked the permit for, the Line 5 pipeline into Michigan, and the Dakota Access Pipeline, about which Michel said that "courts have found that it was never legally permitted; that the environmental impact statement study wasn't correct."

Michele said that Enbridge is "facing numerous court battles with respect to violation of indigenous treaty rights" as well as the inadequate environmental impact study. "We need the administration to intervene," he said.

On a local level, Michele said

he's been "fighting gas pipelines here in Boston," adding that "this is not an industry that we want to expand; at this time we should be taking apart gas pipelines...and leaning hard into renewable energy technologies and sources."

He said that this includes things like building solar farms and offshore wind farms, and "building better buildings in the City of Boston."

Michel also said that "the more I read, the more I learn, the more I get upset," and "the more I feel called to act. I spend my time trying to awaken my fellow citizens in getting them prepared to act. This is unacceptable."

He said that "there's a robust climate justice community here in Boston. Our pants are on fire; we're on fire," and he said that taking action now will positively impact future generations.

"We only have one planet," he said, "so we should all care about that."



The Lucy Stone statue on the Commonwealth Ave. Mall poses with a message to President Biden to stop the Line 3 pipeline project.

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# Weekly positive COVID-19 test rate down for fourth continuous week

By John Lynds

The cumulative COVID-19 positive test rate in the Back Bay and the surrounding neighborhoods increased slightly while the weekly positive test rate decreased for a fourth week in a row.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday, overall since the pandemic started 43,525 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 5.9 percent of those tested were COVID positive--this was 3.5 increase from the 5.7 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Last week 3,097 residents were tested and 2.4 percent were positive--a 20 percent decrease from the 3 reported two Fridays ago.

Citywide, 29,297 residents were tested and 4.8 percent were COVID positive--a 17 percent decrease from the 5.8 percent testing positive two weeks ago.

At his press briefing last week Mayor Martin Walsh reminded residents that Governor Charlie Baker would increase the statewide capacity restrictions from 25 percent to 40 percent for the businesses that are allowed to be open in Phase 3 Step 1. The Mayor said that the City of Boston is aligning with the State on these capacity restrictions. The City and the State are now currently in Phase 3, Step 1 of reopening. The limit on gather-

ings remains at 25 people outdoors, and 10 people indoors. This applies to both public and private spaces.

The Mayor encouraged residents and business owners to visit [Mass.gov/reopening](https://www.mass.gov/reopening) for a more detailed list, as well as industry-specific guidance.

Walsh said that the improvement the city has seen in its numbers is encouraging, and means the measures the city has taken are making a difference.

"It does not, however, mean that anyone should let their guards down," said Walsh. "Instead, everyone must do their part to keep the numbers going down so that certain activities can stay open, safely."

The Mayor said that throughout this crisis, Boston has taken a cautious approach.

"We only move forward if the public health data says that it's safe to do so, and the City has been enforcing safety protocols," said Walsh. "Most restaurants in Boston have been doing a great job, and I thank them for that, but that the City is also taking swift action when establishments do not meet safety protocols. The Inspectional Services Department continues to work with Boston Police, Boston Fire, the Licensing Board, and Boston Public Health Commission on enforcement. They are in constant contact with our business owners to make sure they understand the regulations. They're providing restaurants with the tools they need to get up to code. These departments work together

to investigate and address violations."

If residents have concerns about a property, they can call 3-1-1 or the BPD's party line at 617-343-5500.

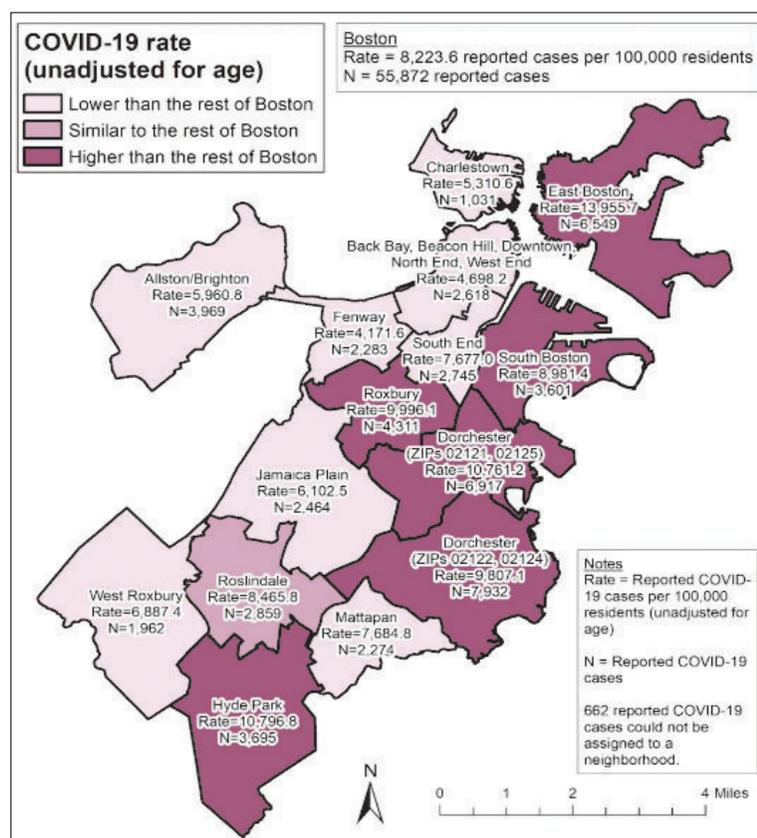
The Licensing Board has instituted a weekly standing emergency hearing on Mondays to address any violations that come up over the weekend. Those hearings have resulted in immediate closures, when necessary.

City agencies responded to about 2,500 complaints in 2020. Most were dealt with immediately, and all of them were dealt with within 24 hours.

For example the City recently got a call from a patron who had dined at a restaurant that was not adhering to capacity restrictions. That same night, BPD conducted an inspection and confirmed that there was a violation. By Monday morning, that Licensee went before the Licensing Board, and had their license suspended.

"Nobody wants to shut restaurants down," said Walsh. "We're doing everything we can to help local businesses with grants, helping them procure PPE, and loosening restrictions for things like outdoor dining. But the health and safety of our residents always comes first. We will continue to take swift action whenever there's a violation. Again, I thank the vast majority of restaurants for doing a great job under difficult circumstances."

The infection rate in the Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods increased 4.3 percent in



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

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 469.8 cases per 10,000 residents, up 6 percent from 450.6 cases per 10,000 residents.

An additional 107 residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from 2,511 cases to 2,618 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by

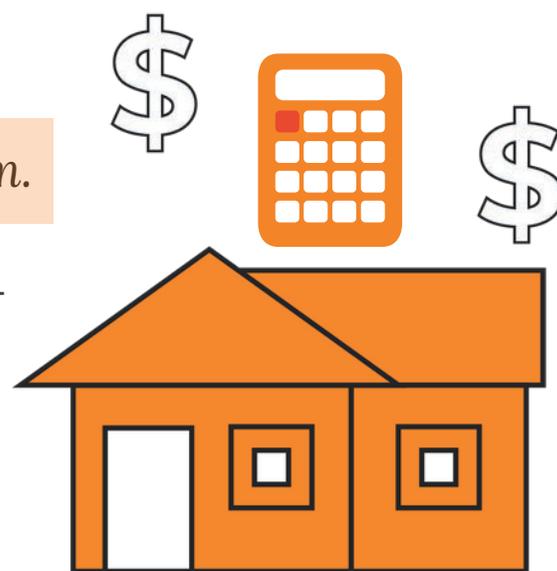
the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 2.6 percent percent last week and went from 55,236 cases to 56,711 confirmed cases in a week. Thirty-eight additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,232 total deaths in the city from COVID.

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# Erin Murphy Announces Candidacy for Boston City Council At-Large

Staff Report

Erin Murphy, community advocate and teacher, of Dorchester on February 17 announced her candidacy for At-Large Boston City Councilor.

“I am running for City Council because, now more than ever, Boston needs leaders who understand the urgency of getting our kids and teachers safely back in classrooms, our local businesses up and thriving again, and our good jobs back to stay. Recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic may be the greatest challenge our City has ever faced. I am ready to work together with everyone who believes that Boston’s future is bright, but only if we are united in our common purpose of a better city for all.”

Erin Murphy was born and raised in Dorchester where she is the devoted mom of Brian, Maisie, and Michael (and Murphy Dog). She is a veteran Boston Public School teacher and

special education coordinator who has spent decades dedicated to her students, families, and neighbors in Boston.

Erin’s candidacy will focus on uniting City residents and neighborhoods with common sense solutions to our shared challenges in recovering from the pandemic.

Her experiences as a teacher will inform her focus on K-12 education in Boston, bringing together parents and teachers wherever they are — in BPS, in charter schools, and in Catholic schools. Erin knows that we must make a seat at the table for every parent and educator in Boston if we are to fulfill our promise to Boston’s school children.

Erin’s personal experience with addiction, mental health, and family trauma have made her a compassionate advocate for our most vulnerable family members, friends, and neighbors. She will pay particular attention to Seniors, veterans, and those



Erin Murphy, candidate for At-Large Boston City Council.

who are homeless. Erin knows that the isolation and fear of the pandemic have exacerbated the struggles many of our elders, veterans, and homeless neighbors face. Erin feels deeply how important it is to treat each person with dignity and the respect they deserve.

As a marathon runner, hiker, dog owner, and avid outdoor photographer, Erin’s urban envi-

ronmentalism focuses on outdoor parks, playgrounds, space for dogs, and youth sports. She understands the crucial importance of big picture issues like climate resiliency, but also how that connects on a day-to-day level with baseball fields, hiking trails, and leafy streets in our neighborhoods. Health and wellness in urban environments, from asthma to exercise, are inextricably linked with climate responsibility.

Erin is a proud alum of UMass Boston and Fitchburg State University (M.A.Ed.). In her free time, Erin runs marathons to raise awareness and much needed money for addiction and mental health recovery services in Boston. She raised more than \$50,000 for the addiction and mental health recovery programs at the Gavin Foundation.

Erin understands the struggles and challenges facing every-day Bostonians because she lives them too. Navigating our public

school system, paying the rent or the mortgage, caring for aging parents, and recovering our lives and livelihoods in the wake of the Covid pandemic.

Boston needs Erin’s commitment and determination on the City Council now.

“Our city is hurting. As a 25-year Boston Public School educator, I know our families and our young people. I know our teachers and first responders and nurses. I know our mail carriers and our sanitation workers and our restaurant owners. 50 years living and raising a family in Dorchester has taught me a lot, but the most important lesson I’ve learned about Boston is this: We keep going. We do our best. We aren’t afraid to stand up and work hard. Whether it’s shoveling out after a blizzard, raising money for a family in need, or committing ourselves to peace during times of unrest, Boston people take care of each other.”

## League gets large CPA grant to help with preservation of Chester Square building

By Seth Daniel

The momentum continues to build for the League of Women for Community Service and their long-vacant building on Chester Square — landing a \$400,000 Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant to get the historic rehabilitation going on their grand old headquarters.

The City’s Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Feb. 11 to review all of the new applications, and the League was granted \$400,000 as part of the Historic Rehabilitation category. That garnered more momentum for the organization which made a very optimistic and exciting

presentation to Chester Square Neighbors on Feb. 3 at that group’s monthly meeting.

“We are just really thrilled,” said Executive Director Gina Gomes Cruz. “I’ve been with the League since 2018, but I’m with these women who have been here many, many years and decades. I am thrilled and they are thrilled with getting this grant. For them, being here so long, this was a very important time for them and a sign of a new leaf being turned. Because we are a non-profit, it’s a lot to maintain a building like this one. The nature of Brownstones in Boston is that it falls apart. It’s a difficult material to maintain... To get the

grant, it gives us this optimistic feeling for the future.”

The grant will partially fund the rehabilitation and restoration of the outside of the 1857 home, which was built by Richard Carnes — an influential luxury wood important who also used the home as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

The grant project will focus on stabilizing repairs to the masonry, Brownstone façade at the 558 Massachusetts Ave. building.

“We will be focusing on the façade with the grant,” she said. “That’s what people see first when they approach and that’s important.”

The entire repair and recon-

struction of the building, Gomes Cruz said, would cost about \$3 million. With design and other soft costs, it is estimated to cost about \$5 million in total.

The interior is in very good condition, in part because the roof was recently replaced and any water leak damage was stopped and repaired. The interior is said by member Adrienne Benton to be one of the most intact homes left in the South End from its original construction due to the fact it was not used as a residence after the early 1900s, when the League was founded there.

The League was a hub of activity in Boston’s Black com-

munity from 1920 to the 1970s. There were recitals, poetry readings, functions and fraternal meetings there frequently. After World War II, many Black women attending universities in Boston lived at the League as they were not permitted to live in student housing due to their race. At that time, Coretta Scott King was attending the New England Conservatory and living at the League. It is believed that Martin Luther King Jr. often came to the home to take her out on dates after they met in Boston.

The grant is still contingent upon a vote of the City Council and the signature of the mayor, which are both expected.

## BVHDC hears what is probably the last advisory review for Isabella St. condo proposal

By Lauren Bennett

The Bay Village Historic District Commission (BVHDC) met virtually on Feb. 9, where members heard another advisory review for the condominium proposal at 19 Isabella St., the former Our Lady of Victories Church. No vote is taken on advisory review proposals until they come before the Commission with an official design review proposal.

The project has been before the Commission several times already, including last month,

where Commissioners had an overall positive response to the proposal, but asked to see some more details and renderings from different angles on the street to gain more clarity of the scope of the project.

Tony Hsiao of Finegold Alexander Architects went into some more detail about the impact of the proposed addition on Isabella St.

Hsiao said that “there are a few minor refinements which we are studying,” and the team is “looking to simplify some of the

areas.”

One of the new changes from last time includes the proposal of a “decent sized granite curb” to allow for planting to occur, as there is a vault underneath the front portion of the church. The previously proposed curb was lower, but the new one would be 12 inches high to accommodate plantings appropriately.

Hsiao showed the building from other views on the street, such as towards the Hancock building, which were not shown at other hearings. He also

showed the building head-on.

“You cannot see the addition straight on,” he explained. “The massing of the existing church covers it.”

He also showed the alleyway on either side of the building and how the addition could be viewed. He said that the addition can be seen from they alleyway to the right of the church, but it is “pretty discreet” and “modest” from that angle.

Hsiao then showed the view from the rear of the buildings, which is the Arlington St. side,

which he said has not changed from last time save for some “minor refinements” on window proportions.

He then explained what the existing modifications to the church will be, including cutting down the windowsills at the east, west, and north sides to the stone band for accommodation of the units, there will be all new replacement windows in the church with mullion and muntin patterns to match what is currently there, the color of the win-

# BBAC approves parking meter on Charlesgate East

By Lauren Bennett

The Back Bay Architectural Commission (BBAC) met virtually on February 10, where there were many items on the agenda for consideration. A notable item was a proposal for the installation of a multi-space electronic parking meter pay station at existing grass strip between street and sidewalk on Charlesgate East, according to the application.

A similar proposal was made at the Boston Landmarks Commission for the Fenway earlier this month, which was denied without prejudice as the meters were proposed for a prominent area and Fenway residents said they were not at all involved in the process. These meters are also being installed in other areas of metro Boston as part of a larger project by the DCR.

Jeffrey Harris, a preservation planner with the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and Mike Nelson, DCR's Director of Ranger Services and the project manager for the proposal, were on hand to provide the presentation and address comments and concerns from Commissioners and the public.

Harris said that the DCR is proposing to install a single multi-spade parking meter on Charlesgate East between Commonwealth Ave. and Newbury St.

"On this block, parking is only allowed on the east side of Charlesgate East," Harris said. "There are currently no parking regulations on this block," he added, but parking on Commonwealth Ave. and Newbury St. is

regulated by meters installed by the City of Boston. Charlesgate East is under the jurisdiction of the DCR, so that's why this proposal is being made by the DCR.

Parking on the east side would be metered from 8am to 8pm, with no time limit for how long someone could pay to park, Harris said.

The proposed meter has a stainless steel housing with a "slanted top" and a solar panel, Harris said. The unit is about five feet tall, one foot wide, and one foot deep, and would be mounted on a two foot square concrete pad that would be installed "directly adjacent on the existing concrete sidewalk," Harris said. Drivers would use the machine to enter their license plate number and pay for their parking, or it can be done via an app, but the purpose of this type of meter is to eliminate the need to mark curbs, paint pavement, or install a large number of meters in an area.

Harris said that one of these meters can regulate nine parking spaces.

"This will be introducing a new piece of street furniture," Harris said, adding that he believes it is "in scale" with its surroundings, as there are also two existing utility boxes nearby. He added that the proposed "location also minimizes impact of views onto the parkland for neighbors who are living in the [adjacent] condominium building."

The existing meters installed by the City of Boston are completely black, while this proposed meter has gray on it as well. Commissioner John Christiansen asked the DCR if they could also use an all black model.

"This gray and black color is the standard color for the proposed manufacturer," Harris said. Sue Prindle of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) also said that "getting a black color on it would improve it a bit."

Nelson said that "we can, at a cost of \$400 per meter, put a color of our choice on them. We can look into that." He added that the gray and black meters are being installed in other various locations throughout the metro Boston area.

Harris said that the Massachusetts Historical Society has approved this particular model in certain other locations, and two other meters will be installed on Charlesgate East south of Ipswich St., though they have yet to be installed.

"I believe that it should be dark," Christiansen said, adding that he thinks the other two proposed meters for Charlesgate East should also be black, though those are outside of the BBAC's purview.

David Sampson agreed with wanting the all black meter in this location, saying he "doesn't want to mix it up and have a different one from Newbury St."

Commissioner Genia Demetriades said she does not have a problem with the gray and the black model, adding that it "seems odd to push it to be black if the other ones are going to be installed in the proposed color. I think it's going to look bad if going down Charlesgate, it's going to be a different color."

Commissioner Jerome CooperKing said that "I've got a problem with taking away parking for folks in the neighborhood," and added that this

particular area is "good overflow for street cleaning day." He acknowledged that this issue is not within the Commission's purview, "but this is something that's always bothered me. We continually remove parking spaces from the local residents."

Harris said that "we are not eliminating parking spaces," but rather just turning them into paid parking, as this is not currently an area for resident permit parking only. "This is available for everyone to park," he said.

The BBAC voted five to four to approve the proposal as presented, so the project will move forward.

## 32 BEACON STREET

Another proposal at 32 Beacon Street to replace an existing deck with a new, expanded one, as well as "replace existing headhouse, add screen fencing, add green roof trays, add synthetic turf, modify and add railings, and cover existing skylight with pedestrian-rated glass," was approved by the Commission with several provisos.

Applicant Peter White said that "our client spends part of her time on this deck," which looks into an expanded terrace at her neighbor's unit.

White said that the newly proposed headhouse would be seven feet, six inches tall and was proposed to be constructed of mainly glass, which the Commission said they could not make an exception for, as headhouses are typically clad in standing seam copper. It was also proposed to be expanded to the west where the new deck would expand.

He also proposed a solid wood screen wall, and there is currently a mockup in place for

the screen wall and the headhouse. The proposed synthetic turf will be flush with the deck, he said, and would be located on the south end.

He also went over the details for the green roof trays as well as some of the other aspects of the proposal.

The Commission had concern with the screen height, as well as the material for the headhouse.

"We can clad it in copper," White said, adding that the ceiling could be glass, which would be permissible by the Commission.

The Commission also said they would not approve the solid wood screen wall and suggested instead that a railing and planter boxes be used. There was some back and forth discussion about what type and height of screen walls are approvable in the district, but many Commissioners were against the wood. It was confirmed that up to a 40 inch "opaque" screen wall is allowed, but Commissioner Genia Demetriades said wood has not been permitted in the district in the past.

The Commission ultimately voted to approve the project with the following provisos: that the walls of the headhouse be standing seam copper clad and the headhouse be slanted, though it can have a glass roof and door (and it should be "as low as possible working with staff"), the deck itself has to be within the inner edges of the chimneys, the north and south deck need guard rails, places between two neighbors should have guard rails but planters are allowed, and a 40 inch screen to hide the utilities is allowed so long as it is not made of wood.

## BVHDC (from pg. 8)

dows in the church building will match the existing dark green, the existing front entry stairs will be demolished and arched entries will be created at grade for accessibility, and the existing wood front doors will be repurposed as side panels on the first level, according to the presentation.

"I think that really clarified a lot," said Commissioner Ruth Knopf, referring to the new angles presented.

"For me it fleshed it out," Commissioner Anne Kilguss agreed. "I think it's a beautiful use of this property. I think you've done a nice job."

Commissioner Steve Dunwell said "I agree with Ruth and Anne," but said he didn't feel

that the new "representations were quite at the same level of professionalism as the rest of your work." He added that he felt the "severe keystoneing is a little distracting," as Hsiao warned that some of the new images were distorted in areas. "I personally thought that it was not at the same level as your excellent renderings that we saw in other places," Dunwell said.

He also asked about the alley on the lefthand side and who has responsibility for it.

Rebecca Berry of Finegold Alexander Architects explained that another developer had purchased the former church's Parish House and redeveloped it. They were also looking to redevelop

the church but ultimately were not able to make that happen, so the "property was subdivided."

She said that "this space between the former Parish House and the church on the right belongs to the Marc Condominiums." Berry also said there is an easement for this property.

Hsiao added that since there is a "common shared interest" for both buildings, "we need to make it work for both developments," as both need to use this alleyway.

"I would suggest that you have fairly good lighting," Kilguss said. Dunwell asked if the entry on this side will be cleaned up.

Berry said that there will be an

improvement with the new doors and windows, especially once the brick is cleaned.

"That will certainly happen," she said, adding that the pavement in that alley is new from the Marc Condominium construction.

Several neighbors spoke about the project positively, and the Commission also seemed pleased with this latest iteration.

Berry said the project has not been before the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) yet, and the team will "very shortly" be filing their Article 80 application with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review for the Boston

Landmarks Commission (BLC) said that the next step for the team will be to submit an application for a vote by the Commission barring any other major

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# ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The busy corner in the last clue is on the Landmark Center at Boylston Street and Park Drive. It was designed by George C. Nimmons and completed in 1928 as a Sears and Roebuck distribution center. Today's answer is a photo of the structure from 1954.

The next clue will be found in the South End. Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

## THIS WEEK'S CLUE



# AgeStrong Commission looking to get older residents vaccinated

Staff report

The Age Strong Commission is working to get older residents vaccinated by helping them navigate their options and get access to vaccines. The Commission is looking for help identifying people age 75 and over who want the vaccine. Right now we are able to vaccinate people 75+ and are able to help register Bos-

ton residents. Registration is required to get the vaccine. As soon as the 65+ group opens, the Commission said it will help them too, but at this point they are unable to schedule them.

AgeStrong is trying to target:

- People from communities of color or communities hard hit by COVID.

- People who cannot access the

online scheduling portal/navigate vaccines on their own.

If there are Boston residents 75+ who want to get vaccinated, please:

- Ask them to call 311 and ask for the Age Strong Commission (we will then do a short intake with folks and our vaccine registration team will call them back to do the full registration).

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Berner, Joerg  
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\$675,000  
\$445,000  
\$675,000  
\$1,040,000

2 Battery Wharf #4509  
300 Commercial St #513  
376 Commercial St #3A  
99 Fulton St #3-1  
1 Nassau St #1608  
\$1,450,000  
\$675,000  
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\$700,000  
\$428,033

# Man smashes up D-4 Station; another man found shot on Columbus Ave.

By Seth Daniel

One Boston man is under arrest this week after bashing up the lobby of the D-4 Police Station and diving into the restricted officer space – only to be quickly arrested by Boston Police inside that area.

Just before 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13, the man entered the lobby of the D-4 Station in the South End and asked to use the phone, saying he had just been dropped off by a police sergeant and ordered to make an

important phone call. The officer behind the glass protective shield in the lobby didn't recognize the name of the officer the man mentioned, so he went to the back to check if anyone else knew about the matter.

When that officer and another returned to get more information from the man, they found the man lifting a metal stanction and then throwing it into the glass shield at the desk.

The glass protective cover shattered and opened up a hole

in the area where police normally take reports from citizens. The man then galloped full speed towards the open hole and dove head-first into the restricted police area.

Police were standing where the man landed and placed him under arrest.

The 56-year-old man from Boston was charged with Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Breaking and Entering, and Malicious Destruction of Property. He also had a warrant for operating a motor vehicle under the

influence of drugs (4<sup>th</sup> Offense) out of Plymouth Superior Court.

## •MAN FOUND SHOT ON COLUMBUS AVENUE

Boston Police have arrested a Stoughton man they believe is responsible for shooting another man in the area of West Springfield Street just after midnight on Feb. 11.

The Stoughton man, 28, walked into the B-2 Station in Roxbury Tuesday morning and was placed under arrest for the shooting.

Around 12:15 a.m. on Feb. 11, police were called to the area of 590 Columbus Ave., which is the gas station on the corner of Columbus and Mass Avenue. The victim was found there upon arrival suffering from a gunshot wound. He was transported from the scene with non-life threatening injuries.

It was believed he was shot about a block away near West Springfield Street and fled to the gas station.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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#### Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - Boston Southampton St. located at 100 Southampton St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as

an online auction via [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) on 3/10/2021 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Megan McCular unit #3315; Jimmy Guadalupe unit #4045. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and

conditions apply. See manager for details. 2/18/21, 2/25/21 BS

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Traveler St. located at 33 Traveler St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenant at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) on 3/10/2021 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Drew Herman

unit #352. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

2/18/21, 2/25/21 BS

## For the Record

**C O R O N A V I R U S 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.

### From the Feb. 17 Boston Cannabis Board voting meeting, online:

Applicant: Ember Gardens Boston LLC  
 Proposed Licensed Premise: 297 Newbury Street, Back Bay  
 License Type: Retail Recreational Cannabis Dispensary License  
 Proposed Hours of Operation: 11:00am - 8:00pm  
 Equity Status: Equity Applicant  
 Date of Initial Application: August 17, 2020  
 Date of Filing with Inspectional Services Department: August 20, 2020  
 Date of Community Meeting: August 26, 2020 and October 13, 2020  
 Presentation Team: Shane Hyde, CEO; Aaron Washington, Chief of Security; Joseph Hoffman, Partner; Thomas Augustine, Partner; and Christopher Tracy, Consultant.

### From the Feb. 18 Cannabis Community Outreach meeting, 6 p.m., online:

The proposed retail marijuana establishment is anticipated to be located at:  
 827-829 Boylston Street, Back Bay. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

11:30 a.m., COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS WORKING SESSION: Petition for a special law regarding An Act Relative to the Boston Landmarks Commission. This matter was referred to the Committee on February 3, 2021. The sponsors of the docket are Councilor Kenzie Bok and Councilor Liz Breadon.

From the Feb. 19, 12:30 p.m., COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION HEARING: Order for a hearing regarding potential zoning amendments to be proposed by the Boston Groundwater Trust. This matter is sponsored by Councilor Kenzie Bok and was referred to the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation on January 13, 2021.

### From the Feb. 22 BPDA meeting on The Aubrey, 149-155 Newbury St., 6 p.m.:

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application that was filed. The meeting will include a presentation by the Proponent followed by Q&A and comments. The proposed project consists of the redevelopment of a surface parking lot at 149 Newbury Street in the Back Bay neighborhood of Boston. The proposed project will eliminate the 66-space parking lot and construct a five-story building totaling approximately 43,500 gross square feet (sf) including approx. 17,500 sf of retail space and approx. 26,000 sf of office space.

Register in advance for this webinar: [www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_M-ECdEINRneICA\\_-YgzeRA](http://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_M-ECdEINRneICA_-YgzeRA)

### From the Feb. 23 Boston Landmarks Commission meet-

ing, 4 p.m., online via Zoom ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/87279477782](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87279477782)):

#### DESIGN REVIEW

•Back Bay Fens - Johnson Memorial Gates: Installation of granite covers overtop of the basins at the Johnson Memorial gates.

•Public Garden - 4 Charles Street: At Tool Shed remove and replace existing garage door.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/ APPROVAL

•Fenway Park: Upgrade existing Wi-Fi installation.

### From the Feb. 23 community meeting for a recreational cannabis establishment, 6 p.m., online:

This is an application by Brian Keith, Rooted in Roxbury, for a recreational cannabis establishment to be operated at the address of 331-335A Newbury Street, Back Bay. Hosted online per the Cannabis Control Commission 4/27/2020 administrative order. There will be an opportunity for the public to raise comments, questions, and concerns.

### From the Feb. 25, 10 a.m., CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES HEARING:

Order for a hearing to discuss the proliferation of electronic billboards in the City of Boston. This matter is sponsored by Councilors Ed Flynn and Councilor Michael Flaherty and was referred to the Committee on City and Neighborhood Services on October 21, 2020.

From the Feb. 26, 2 p.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HEARING: An ordinance extending and enhancing protections for tenants facing displacement by condominium or cooperative conversion.

This matter was sponsored by Councilor Lydia Edwards and was referred to the Committee on January 27, 2021.

### SCHOOLS INFO

•School Return Timetables – March 1-4 – Students in K0-Grade 3 (Groups A and B); March 15-18 – Students in Grades 4-8 (Groups A & B); and March 29-April 1 – Students in grades 9-12 (Groups A & B).

•BPS Priority Registration – Priority registration for school year 2021-22 began on Jan. 5 for students entering grades K0, K1, 6th, 7th and 9th grades. Priority Registration for those grades ends on Jan. 29. Assignment notifications are on March 31. Students entering K2 and all other grades have priority registration on Feb. 8 and ends on April 5. Assignment notifications for those grades is on May 28. There are informational Zoom sessions about registration on Weds. Jan 20, 4 p.m.; and Sat., Feb. 27, at 10 a.m. BPS Welcome Centers are temporarily closed to the public, but registration can be done online and via phone. Call (617) 635-9010 to schedule a phone appointment with a specialist.

•P-EBT Cards - All BPS students will have more P-EBT funds for this school year. If you received P-EBT funds in the past, look for funds to be allocated the last week of December. New to P-EBT? You will get a P-EBT card in January or check your existing EBT card for funds. Learn more at [www.MAP-EBT.org](http://www.MAP-EBT.org) or call the Assistance Line at 877-382-2363.

### 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 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.

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**401 BEACON STREET #4**  
**3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 2,877 SQFT**  
**\$5,990,000**



**380 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE #4**  
**3 BEDS | 3F 2H BATHS | 3,704 SQFT**  
**\$6,490,000**



**NEW LISTING!**

**43 MOUNT VERNON STREET #4**  
**3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 2,300 SQFT**  
**\$3,495,000**



**NEW LISTING!**

**100 BELVIDERE STREET #8E**  
**1 BED | 2 BATHS | 971 SQFT**  
**\$1,600,000**



**4 STRONG PLACE**  
**4 BEDS | 4 BATHS | 2,380 SQFT**  
**\$3,400,000**

