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He's In!

South End State Rep. Santiago launches mayoral campaign

By Seth Daniel

The video starts on Harrison Avenue and Albany Street and it appears to be late at night, with only the urban-orange streetlights providing the lighting for State Rep. Jon Santiago to walk from his hospital job to his South End home.

"My name is Jon Santiago, and this is my story," says the popular state representative in a voice over on the video.

It was the beginning of his announcement that he would be running for mayor, and the opening scene highlighted something about Santiago that's very real — his walk home. It's a walk he's made hundreds of times before he was in politics and now still makes as a state representative and candidate for mayor — which he announced on Tuesday morning in that video.

"That walk home in the South End is an important part of my



life," he said. "I'm a neighborhood guy. I live a block from Mass Ave and for me that walk represents so much of what is good and bad."

Bringing a wealth of experiences to the table from the State House, the Boston Medical Center (BMC) emergency room and overseas deployments in the military, South End State Rep. Jon Santiago announced on Tuesday his intentions to run for mayor.

Santiago has been considering run since January, and has said as much in the media, but had not made an official announcement until now. He has been surveying resident groups in the South End and Back Bay on Zoom and in other forums privately for the last month to gauge support from long-time supporters and residents.

He made the announcement in

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Kenmore Square's restaurant scene remains unclear

By Dan Murphy and Lauren Bennett

While the Red Sox's home opener against the Baltimore Orioles at Fenway Park is set for April 1, it's still unclear whether fans will be allowed back in stands in a limited capacity this season, and now, with last week's news that the venerable Eastern Standard won't reopen in Kenmore Square, the future of the restaurant scene in that neighborhood is even more of a lingering question.

"We anticipate a busy summer," Ryan Jones, vice president of the Lyons Group, which oper-

ates Lansdowne Pub, Bleacher Bar, Game On!, Loretta's Last Call and Bill's Bar, said optimistically. "This year, we hope and expect fans will be back in Fenway Park at some point."

Even though no fans were allowed in the ballpark last year, area restaurants convinced the city to close down Lansdowne Street to vehicular traffic and allow them to create new outdoor patio space, said Woods, and fans flocked there on game days.

"If you can't be in Fenway

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Shown above, Final steel beam being raised to complete the structure of the new, \$125 million BAA facility on Ipswich Street, directly across the street from Fenway Park at the topping-off ceremony on February 23, 2021.

Shown right, Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh at the Boston Arts Academy topping-off ceremony on February 23, 2021 signing the final steel beam before it was raised to celebrate the major milestone in the construction of the new, \$125 million BAA facility.



Final beam lifted into place on new Boston Arts Academy building; supporters grateful and excited

By Lauren Bennett

The final beam of the brand new Boston Arts Academy (BAA) building on Ipswich St. in the Fenway was lifted into place on February 23, completing the bones of the new school.

The new building is a \$125 million, state of the art school which will provide a quality public school arts education with opportunities for students to learn fashion, dance, theater, visual arts, and much more. Demolition on the old BAA building began in 2018, and the school has since temporarily relocated to Dorchester.

"The event marked an important milestone for BAA Foundation, which raises essential funds through philanthropic sources to bridge the gap between BAA's allocation from Boston Public Schools (BPS) and the true cost of a high-quality arts education,"

according to a press release from the topping-off ceremony.

The new building is expected to open for the school year beginning in Fall of 2022, and be able to accommodate 500 students, a capacity increase of almost 15%, according to the release. It will include "state of the art fashion programs, visual arts programs," a rooftop recital hall, a 500 seat professional theater, among many other features, according to Head of School Anne Clark.

The topping-off ceremony on Tuesday morning was led by BAA student body president Anya Edwards, and featured remarks from Mayor Marty Walsh, City Council President Kim Janey, BPS School Committee Chair Alexandra Oliver-Davila, BAA Head of School Anne Clark, Emerson College President and BAA Foundation Board of Directors Chairman Lee Pelton, Massachusetts School Building Author-

ity Deputy CEO and Executive Director Jack McCarthy, among many others who were there to show their support.

"This is a proud day for the City of Boston," Mayor Walsh said at the ceremony, calling the new building "I think the most innovative public arts academy high school in the country."

In a statement, Walsh said, "This amazing school building will serve future generations of the most creative, artistic young minds from every neighborhood of our great city. This school is a shining example of what public education can look like, and is a powerful demonstration of the City of Boston's commitment to providing every child with access to an excellent education and a supportive and affirming learning environment."

Walsh said that if confirmed

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EDITORIAL

AN UNFATHOMABLE NUMBER

When COVID-19 first came into our national consciousness more than a year ago, it was just a blip on the news. The prospect that a viral bug originating halfway around the world would alter every aspect of our lives seemed inconceivable.

And even if the virus did come here, America was not some third-world country. We had confidence that the world's best medical care system and scientific minds would work together to prevent something as seemingly trivial as a mere virus from overwhelming our nation.

But one year -- and 500,000 American lives -- later, that which was unimaginable has become a nightmarish reality.

To be sure, the unprecedented incompetence and outright malevolence of the previous administration contributed substantially to amplify and worsen the problems brought on by the pandemic.

But even in a best-case scenario, the virus would have upended every aspect of our lives. Although the politicization of the virus contributed to our nation's suffering, the pandemic still would have caused death and economic turmoil to an unprecedented extent.

The official count of 500,000 COVID deaths was surpassed this week. Let's hope that as we move forward and as the daily numbers of deaths and hospitalizations continue to decline, we have learned that despite our high-tech lifestyle, we are no match for Mother Nature.

The pandemic has exposed many problems in our country, including the inadequacy of our health care system, especially for minority groups, and the danger of politicizing scientific information.

Hopefully, we have recognized our multitude of mistakes and we will make the necessary investments in our health care and pandemic detection systems to ensure that we will be ready for the next pandemic.

As the philosopher succinctly put it, those who do not learn from the past are condemned to repeat it.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

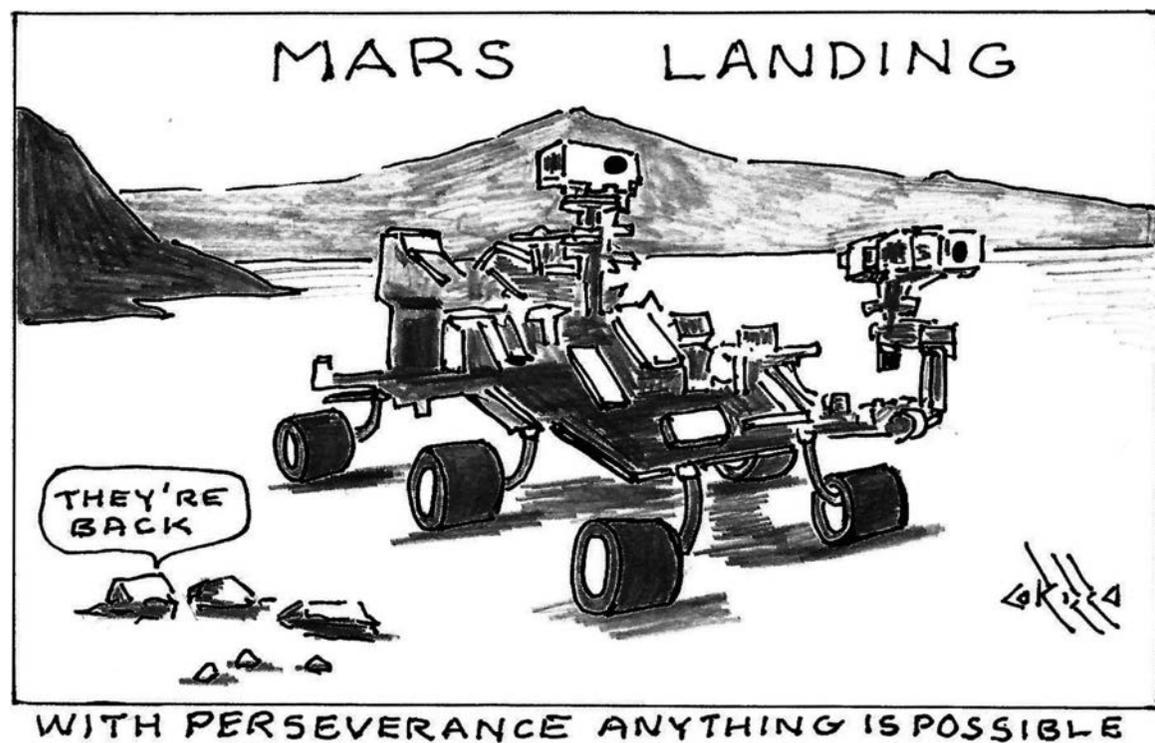
This winter has not been a particularly difficult one for us in the Northeast, although February has been colder and stormier than January.

But with temperatures reaching the 50s by the middle of this week, there is the feeling that spring is just around the corner.

We realize that "spring" is a relative term for those of us living on the Massachusetts coast, but undeniably the onset of warmer weather will provide more opportunities to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine after months of being cooped-up amidst our pandemic quarantines.

Spring traditionally symbolizes rebirth and rejuvenation. That thought is especially meaningful in the spring of 2021.

Hopefully, the coming of spring and the availability of mass vaccinations will enable all of us to emerge from our cocoons and allow us to return safely to our pre-pandemic lives.



WITH PERSEVERANCE ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

STATEMENT FROM AARP AS STATE MOVES TO NEXT PHASE OF IMMUNIZATION PLAN TO THOSE AGED 65 AND OVER

Dear Editor,

On behalf of our 775,000 members and all older Massachusetts residents, we thank Governor Baker for opening the next phase of COVID-19 vaccinations to people aged 65 and over and those with certain

health conditions.

We are also pleased to see that the local Boards of Health will be able to vaccinate homebound seniors, and that efforts are focused around outreach to vulnerable, hard to reach populations, including homebound seniors, individuals who participate in 'meals on wheels' and others who are eligible but not able to travel to a vaccine site.

AARP Massachusetts has been urging policymakers to prioritize the vaccination of older

Americans because of the risk they face from COVID-19. Since the start of the pandemic, nearly 95% of the deaths from COVID-19 have been among people 50 and older. The science has clearly shown that the older people are, the higher risk they face if they contract COVID-19.

We support the prioritization of older Americans in the vaccine allocation process.

Mike Festa
AARP Massachusetts State
Director

EBNHC launches family nurse practitioner residency training program

Staff report

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) is pleased to announce the launch of a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Residency Program funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). This residency program aims to expand the pool of primary care providers who are committed to and well-prepared for serving underserved populations in community settings.

EBNHC is one of five health care organizations in the commonwealth selected to participate in the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program (DSRIP) Statewide Investments

Family Nurse Practitioner Residency Training Program. This program is administered by the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers and funded through the EOHHS.

The residency is a highly structured year of intensive clinical training providing additional skills training as well as independent mentorship experience in a high-performance model of care. Training includes precepted primary care sessions, specialty rotations, mentored independent clinics in a community health center setting, didactic sessions, and quality improvement training.

"We are thrilled to launch our Family Nurse Practitioner Residency Program," said Residen-

cy Program Director Katherine O'Brien, MSN, FNP-C. "Our goal is to bridge the gap between academia and practice for new FNPs so that they feel competent and confident to hit the ground running as they enter the fast-paced world of health care. We want every patient to have a provider who empowers their decision making and respects their diversity of language, culture, race or ethnicity, and health care preferences. We also want every new provider to feel prepared, supported, and satisfied with their career in primary care. This highly structured and individualized residency, with an abundance of individual teaching,

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City of Boston announces street sweeping

Ticketing enforcement for expired inspection stickers and vehicle registration to resume

Special to the Sun

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) and the Public Works Department this week announced updated street enforcement regulations for the City of Boston. Beginning Monday, March 1, street sweeping will resume in the North End, South End and Beacon Hill, and will resume citywide on April 1.

Street sweeping ticketing

enforcement will also resume on those dates respectively, and vehicles in violation will be subject to towing. Additionally, the Boston Transportation Department will resume ticketing enforcement for expired inspection stickers and vehicle registration on March 1. Mayor Walsh paused enforcement of certain violations at the beginning of the pandemic in an effort to ensure residents could minimize their need to go out to slow the spread of COVID-19.

“With spring approaching, we are asking residents to move their vehicles during posted street sweeping times to ensure our Public Works Department is able to fully clean streets citywide,”

said Mayor Walsh. “Thank you to all of our residents for your continued cooperation to keep our streets clean.”

Failure to move a vehicle during posted street sweeping hours results in a \$40 fine; the fine is \$90 in Charlestown, and \$90 for overnight street sweeping. An expired inspection sticker or vehicle registration will result in a \$40 fine. View a complete list of parking codes and fines in the City of Boston. To learn more about the daytime and nighttime street sweeping program, including when the Public Works Department cleans a particular neighborhood, you can sign up for street sweeping alerts and No-Tow reminder service online. As a reminder, residents with resident parking permits will

continue to be allowed to park at meters within their neighborhood without having to abide by the time limits or pay the meter.

“Clean streets are an important quality of life issue for our residents,” said Commissioner Greg Rooney. “We appreciate the public’s assistance as we resume this essential basic city service.”

•DISABILITY PLACARDS

BTD will not ticket for expired disability placards/plates if they expired during the public health emergency, given potential challenges for people to renew at this time. The Registry of Motor Vehicles is only processing requests for disability placards/plates by mail.

•PARKING GARAGES

To support the medical com-

munity, BTD has identified facilities offering free, reduced rate or reserved parking for medical professionals. To receive discounted parking, medical staff will need to present a hospital ID. See the list of participating facilities.

•BLUEBIKES

The City of Boston and its municipal partners in Brookline, Cambridge, Everett, and Somerville are offering all grocery store and pharmacy workers in metro Boston a free 90-day pass for the public bike share system, Bluebikes. To support employees of small businesses, the City of Boston is also offering free 90-day passes to people who work in retail shops or restaurants in Boston. More information is available at boston.gov/bike-share.

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Park, it’s closest you’ll get to the Red Sox,” Woods said of the experience.

Woods also predicts more diners would be willing to eat inside as vaccinations become more readily available.

“We have this outdoor space now, and as people get vaccinated and feel more comfortable, they’ll begin coming inside more [to dine],” Woods said. “By the fall and winter, nearly everyone will have had access to the vaccine, so hopefully [the coronavirus will be] 95 percent gone by the that time.”

District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok said that the “question of fans in the ballpark” this season is going to be “decided by public health data.” With more vaccine becoming available, she said that the “number one thing that people can do” is to get the vaccine and ensure that their loved ones get it, too.

“It’s ultimately the power of numbers,” she said, and that will have a “huge ripple effect for the ballpark and all of our restaurants.”

Bok said that she does believe people are optimistic heading into this summer, but “we have to own the fact that it’s been really hard for small businesses,” and that “unfortunately,” some of them have been lost.

She said one solution is to strengthen the outdoor patio program established by the city last summer, and “really take advantage of those outdoor dining opportunities” to draw people to restaurants in a safer way. This could lead to more indoor dining as well if the numbers continue to improve, she said.

“The vaccine has made us all really hopeful,” Bok said. “No matter what, it’s a banner year for supporting our local restaurants as they try to come back from this.”

Meanwhile, Pam Beale, president of the Kenmore Association, co-founder of the Charlesgate Alliance, described the news of Eastern Standard’s decision not to reopen as something of a formality.

“It was the culmination of all the negotiations ending in a private business agreement that parties put together as part of the breakup,” said Beale, who is also the owner of Cornwell’s Tavern, a longstanding Kenmore Square pub. “It’s a transfer of licenses based on an agreement, but it doesn’t make it any less sad. It feels like you’re losing a friend a great operator and a wonderful neighbor.”

But despite the loss of Eastern Standard, Beale remains optimistic that Garrett Harker, the restaurateur behind Eastern Standard, as well as to its shuttered sister establishments at the Hotel Commonwealth - The Hawthorne and Island Creek Oyster Bar - would find a new home in Kenmore Square.

“Hopefully, this isn’t the end of the story for Garrett and this community,” Beale said. “We have already made Garrett aware of all the opportunities with all the new development that’s coming to Kenmore Square, so hopefully an opportunity will emerge for him to start again in this neighborhood because he knows he has the neighborhood’s support.”

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that two-minute video available in English and Spanish, which showed him prominently walking around the Worcester Square and Tremont Street areas.

He comes into the race as the only major male candidate in a field of three women from the Boston City Council, including Councilors Andrea Campbell, Anissa Essaibi George and Michelle Wu. He is also one of the few folks from the South End to have made a serious run for the mayoral seat in many years.

“As a candidate representing the South End, I’m particularly proud of that,” he said. “Many in the South End feel that because of our size and district being split up at the State House or City Council, we often feel our voice isn’t as loud in City Hall. If the mayor of Boston is living a block from Mass Ave and Tremont Street, they will have a seat at the table and especially in important decisions...I’m looking forward to being that voice at City Hall, but this is also about the entire city and making sure everyone is heard, respected and engaged in every aspect.”

Santiago said he comes into the race ready to listen and

engage. As a doctor in the emergency room at BMC, a physician in the Army Reserves and a state representative, he said his approach has always been to engage and listen to people first. That, he said, will be more important than ever in what he said was an historic, open-seat election for mayor.

“I think this mayor’s race will be the most consequential mayor’s race in our City’s history,” he told the paper, noting issues of COVID-19, health care, good schools and a revived economy.

“We are a City of neighborhoods and many are different, but I’m hearing from everyone that they want to come back building a better and stronger Boston,” he said. “That message is resonating all over the city. I feel comfortable going to Southie and West Roxbury and having conversations because they are about the same things as in Roxbury and Dorchester. People all want good schools, housing options, good transit, access to vaccines and they really want to be heard. My goal is to reach out to each and every area of this city...The people of Boston need someone ready to serve...

That’s the way I’ve always done medicine and politics. My first state rep race I knocked on 9,000 doors...I think right now people want someone who will bring them together and engage and listen and be respectful.” That approach – which he hinted would be different than many polarizing forces nationally – has been honed at the State House, where after beating long-time former Rep. Byron Rushing a few years back, he has been trusted early with key positions advising on COVID-19 and other subjects. Also, that approach has been learned in the emergency room as he has embraced solutions to the recovery and opioid epidemics he sees at the hospital daily. With the Mass/Cass area in his district, and seeing its effect on people every day at work, Santiago said there is no other candidate that is as equipped to understand the opioid epidemic and to forge real solutions to combat it.

“I live a block from Mass Ave and walk to work every day and I understand what it’s like to find needles in your front garden, people passed out on your stoop or someone overdosing and needing help,” he said, noting that he has already secured more than \$1 million in state funds to address the epidemic in last year’s State Budget. “I’m proud of those victories, but we have a lot more work to do. I’m the best candidate to understand the situation and to live the situation.”

That, he said, fed his decision to run for office – having often seen the results of crisis situations turn into medical emergencies. In the ER, he said one can save lives, but cannot change whole communities.

“These things are a reflection on our community,” he said, noting the people that show up at the ER who lack housing, who were victims of street violence or couldn’t afford their medications. “Often these people that don’t have access to education and economic opportunities and



Jon Santiago, a South End State Rep. and physician at Boston Medical Center, announced on Tuesday that he will be running for mayor of Boston. His announcement came on video Tuesday (as seen here) and makes him the fourth major candidate in the open-seat mayoral race.

it manifests into a medical emergency. I love the excitement of the ER and the camaraderie and the life or death decisions. But you can only save one life at a time. This is an opportunity to transform whole communities. That’s why I got into politics and why I ran for state representative before.”

Santiago also credits his military service in the Army Reserves, where he is a captain, as forming how he would lead as mayor. In fact, after working on the COVID front lines at the Boston Hope Hospital in the South Boston Convention Center, Santiago was deployed to the Middle East as a physician treating soldiers and allies in Kuwait. He returned from that deployment in December.

“Many Puerto Ricans joined the military as a way to do something with their life and to be a part of something bigger than themselves,” he said, noting his uncle and grandfather were also in the military. “I joined seven or eight years ago...It taught me about leadership and bringing folks together...I’m very proud of that. The military will teach you how to get things done.”

In his announcement for mayor, Santiago stressed that the next mayor will write a “new chapter” for all of Boston. He

said that new chapter would include a more equitable City for everyone.

“We are living through an unprecedented crisis, the impact of which will last far beyond today,” said Santiago. “It’s a turning point for our city, but in it I also see great possibilities. I see and hear it in the voices of my neighbors, patients, and constituents. I’ve spent my life in service to others and now I’m running for mayor to lead us through this moment and to a recovery rooted in equity and opportunity. I will bring our city back, stronger than ever.”

Santiago added, “Today, we set out to bring neighbors together to write the next chapter of our Boston story.”

Santiago is currently serving his second term as the State Representative for the 9th Suffolk District representing the South End, Roxbury, Back Bay, and Fenway neighborhoods of Boston. He is an emergency room physician employed at Boston Medical Center, the city’s safety net hospital. He serves as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and has deployed overseas. Prior to these experiences, Santiago served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic. He lives in the South End with his wife, Alexandra.

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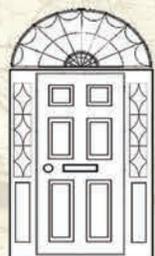
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feedback, and clinical mentoring, does just that. When I started at EBNHC 13 years ago as a new NP, the support, training, and mentorship I received shaped me as a clinician and has driven me to want to do the same for the next generation of providers.”

Based at EBNHC sites in East Boston, Winthrop, and the South

End, the program runs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, in a year-long journey towards competence, mastery, and confidence in being an NP in the role of primary care provider serving the culturally diverse and clinically complex patients who characterize community health center practice. The residency is a full-

time, 12-month, salaried position. Three slots are available.

New Family Nurse Practitioners graduating in May 2021 or within the previous 2 years are encouraged to apply. Bilingual candidates preferred. Visit ebnhc.org/FNPresidency for more information and an online application.

Baker announces plan to eliminate remote learning for elementary schools by April

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker on Tuesday announced that the state has a goal of getting elementary school students back into the classroom full-time by April.

“I think we all know that when COVID hit last year, just about this time, teachers, staff, and students experienced an incredible disruption to their daily routines in school,” Baker said, “and ever since, have been adapting and adjusting to the challenges that came with the pandemic.”

Baker said that districts across the state have made adjustments to help their students adapt to the challenges put forth by the pandemic, “but I think we all agree there’s no substitute for in-person learning, especially for kids in elementary school,” he said.

“Our administration has been clear for months that the best

place for kids is in the classroom,” Baker said.

He said that Jeff Riley, the Commissioner of the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, began a process on Tuesday with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education “to get more kids back into the classroom full time by phasing out remote-only learning in April” and allow students, beginning with elementary school students, to attend classes in person Monday through Friday.

Baker said that the process would begin with students in elementary school, and that the state “hope[s] to be moving ahead soon,” he said. “We know the pandemic’s been difficult on everyone, but it’s been really tough on kids and their parents as they struggle to be out of the classroom and detached from their teachers and their peers.”

Approximately 80 percent of the state’s school districts are currently providing some sort of in-person learning, whether it be a hybrid model or fully in person, Baker said.

“Districts with in-person learning, regardless of how high COVID transmission is in their community, have seen few, if any, examples of in-school transmission,” Baker said. He said that with “proper mitigation strategies” and compliance with protocols, “schools across the Commonwealth have been able to safely welcome kids back to the classroom for many months now.”

However, about 20 percent of the state’s school districts are still fully remote, which translates to about 400,000 kids, Baker said, “most of whom haven’t been in a classroom since March [of last year].”

Baker said that students’

“social, mental, and emotional well-being has been significantly impacted” by being out of the classroom.

“The science is pretty clear on this one: there are now dozens of reports from all over the world that it’s safe to be in school, and doctors and public health experts, including Dr. Fauci, all agree that getting kids back in school needs to be a top priority,” Baker said.

He said that the state has “committed funding, resources, and supports to schools and districts to return to classrooms.”

Commissioner Riley said he would “take a phased-in approach to returning students to the classroom, working closely with state health officials and medical experts.”

He said he would work first to return elementary school students to in-person learning, “with the plan likely extending

to middle school grades later in the school year and possibly high schools as well.”

Parents who do not wish to send their children for in person learning will not be required to do so, and they can remain learning remotely through the end of the school year, Riley said, adding that “there will be a waiver process for districts who may need to take a more incremental approach,” Riley said, adding that fully remote schools could first transition to a hybrid model.

Baker said that “with COVID cases and hospitalizations continuing to decline and vaccines well underway, it’s time to set our sites on eliminating remote learning by April and starting with elementary schools.” He said the state will continue to ramp up vaccine distribution as much as possible and open more mass vaccination sites statewide.

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by the Senate to become President Biden's labor secretary, he will be coming back to Boston for the ribbon cutting when the school is completed in the spring of next year.

"The City of Boston owes this entire BAA community...our immense gratitude," said City Council President Kim Janey. "It seems like just yesterday that we were here together as we broke ground at this site and now we've reached another milestone in this journey toward a state of the art facility that our students and families deserve."

Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius said that "Boston Arts Academy has a long tradition of cultivating amazingly talented students and providing them with an enriching and welcoming school community where they can express their creativity and showcase their incredible art. All BPS students deserve beautiful state of the art facilities like the new Dearborn STEM Academy and the Boston Arts Academy complex. This one-of-a-kind campus is an example of the facilities needed across our city so that all our children have the opportunity to thrive in joyful learning environments. I know the students and our dedicated staff are thrilled that we are one step closer to their new school opening!"

BAA Foundation Board of Directors Chairman Lee Pelton said that "for six straight years, 97 percent of the graduating class has been accepted into college. That high success rate is no accident. BAA students work hard and push themselves to achieve big things."

He added, "It will continue to be a beacon of light and hope and liberty and artistic achievement for our growing student body for many years to come, and we are so very very excited that you are here with us today to celebrate this very important milestone in the history of this great school."

District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok said that "I think it's thrilling that we're one step closer to opening this really state of the art arts high school for our students. Every time I see the work of the BAA students, it blows me away and they really deserve the facilities to match." She also thanked all those who were involved in getting the school "to this point."

BAA Head of School Anne Clark was a founding faculty

member of the school, and she told the Sun that she was "surprised how emotional I got" while watching the final beam being put into place.

"I've been envisioning a new building, as have so many members of the BAA community, for over 20 years. To see that last steel beam rise up with everyone's signature and the art of the students felt like a dream is finally being realized," she said. Messages and signatures filled the beam before it was lifted into place. Clark said that she wrote on the beam about some "very special members of our community who passed away."

She also said that she believes one of the most special aspects if the new school building is that the students had a hand in designing it.

"When working with the architect on the design, students were part of every committee," she said, adding that they provided a "vision of not only what was going next to where, but what it should feel like, what it should look like..."

She said an alum designed the four story window that will be on the outside of the building, and many other aspects had heavy input from students.

"This is a building for students and I'm proud that it will reflect their vision," Clark said. "It will be a state of the art facility. It will allow us to expand our programming in the school; it will also allow us to expand our outreach."

She said that the BAA currently hosts small summer programs for middle school students, but they are only small because the previous school building did not "have the facilities to expand them."

Clark said that "this new facility will allow us to run summer programs, but also vacation programs, [and] Saturday programs for middle and elementary school students to expand our offerings throughout the city."

She also said that a hope for the future is to partner with more cultural institutions throughout the city in terms of things like visiting artists and collaborations with Boston area dance companies.

"The new building will have two professional size galleries to show our students' work and other visual artists from all over Boston," Clark said, which is "really going to allow us to



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Sean Curran, Waterville Consulting Principal and BAA Foundation Board of Directors Secretary; Denella Clark, Boston Arts Academy Foundation President; Anne Clark, Boston Arts Academy Head of School; Lee Pelton, Emerson College President and BAA Foundation Board of Directors Chairman; and Jeff Rosica, Avid CEO and BAA Foundation Board of Directors Marketing Committee Chair.

be a school, but also a cultural resource."

Denella Clark, President of the BAA Foundation, said that she is full of "joy and hope for our future students," though the pandemic has set the foundation back in their fundraising goals.

She said that through the public-private partnership to build the school, it is "great that the city and state are taking care of the brick and mortar itself," but she is "deeply worried that a year from now the building will be open and we'll be in COVID and will need to raise a lot of money."

She said that this year, the BAA Foundation's revenue goal was \$6 million, but was "functionally reduced by 50 percent." The campaign was set to end in 2023, but has since been extended to 2024.

"The Foundation helps the arts portion of the program," Denella Clark said. "We're going to have spaces that we've never had before," and are "going to need money to hire an artistic director, a lighting director, and things like that that just aren't there."

She said she and the other members of the BAA Foundation "are so grateful for supporters," and are "very fortunate that NBC 10 has agreed to be our multimedia partner." The Foundation has a fundraiser on Saturday, and a portion of the event will be aired on TV.

"We're hoping that that will help us generate some more interest," Denella Clark said, as "people would still prefer to be

at home and...watch the event from home."

She said that she is most excited for the opportunity for alumni who did not have a chance to attend school in the new building to come back when it is open and either teach a master class, use the space, or just simply be there to support current students.

"I would say the long wait is over and it's going to be worth it for the next generation of artists," Denella Clark said.

BAA student body president Anya Edwards is a senior theater student who said the BAA community is still as strong as ever, despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic.

"The BAA community sense is definitely still there, even over virtual [learning]," she said. "Everyone does check up on each other during this time."

Though she will graduate before the new building is open, Edwards said she is excited to be able to come back and see students performing in the new spaces.

Her dream career is to become an actor, and she said she truly feels that BAA has prepared her to achieve that goal.

She said that "getting to spend half my day every day doing the things I love the most" at BAA has been a wonderful opportunity for her, and she said she "felt really prepared walking into college auditions."

Edwards said that BAA has given her so many professional opportunities before she even leaves high school. She has already participated in a pro-

fessional reading, among other opportunities.

She said that while she does not yet know where she will attend college, she has her eyes on Carnegie Mellon University and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, among others.

"I want to train as a theatre actor," she said, though she said the ultimate goal would be to act in films. "I finished my final BFA audition on Sunday," she said, and will know in early March what her final options are.

She said that "the only reason" why she is able to stand in front of people and cameras and perform is because of her teachers at BAA. "I learned all of that in the last four years," Edwards said.

She also said she misses her peers, as "we don't do anything in student government without peers. The community is incredible."

Overall, there is a great deal of support for the BAA community and a great deal of dedication and passion from BAA students, as indicated by those involved with the school, and as the building is now one big step closer to completion, the excitement is palpable.

"This is a big investment from the City of Boston and the youth of Boston and we're incredibly grateful for that," Anne Clark said, "and we also hope that the City of Boston will see that investment multiplied many times over..." and "also in the arts education for all youth in the city of Boston."

Ten years ago, Fenway resident sparked protections for Boston's most important buildings

By Seth Daniel

On his daily walks, Fenwickian Calvin Arey passes by Mass Historical Society, the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) and other important buildings in the area and breathes a sigh of relief.

"I got that one done," he said he often mumbles under his breath as he passes them.

What he got done about 10 years ago – with a rare citizens petition to the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) – was to give historic protection to some of the City's most important structures dedicated to art, education, and civic life, including the MFA, Jordan Hall and several other buildings of note.

"I do always walk past them these days on my daily walk and go by Mass Historical and say, 'I got that done,' and then I pass by the MFA and say, 'I got you too,'"

Arey's Landmarking journey started 10 years ago when he was in the fight of his life as Northeastern University had suddenly struck a deal to develop parts of the YMCA on Huntington Avenue into a new dormitory.

Members of the tight-knit community gathered together to fight the proposal, and as a result Arey often found himself trolling the files of the Boston Landmarks Commission. Digging through dusty old files and

different reports on things in the Fenway – he got the shock of his life.

Not only was the YMCA building not protected for its historical significance, but also some of the most important buildings in Boston that were in the Fenway also had no protections. That included Jordan Hall, Symphony Hall, the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA), Mass Historical Society, Horticultural Hall and Harvard Medical School. Some of the most architecturally significant and historic buildings in Boston could – if the right conditions presented themselves – be demolished and re-developed.

They had no Landmarks or historic protections, though were invaluable pieces of the Boston landscape.

"It shocked me when I found out," he said. "For 20 years I walked into that Y every morning and passed the plaque in the lobby saying the building was on the National Register of Historic Places and we assumed that protected it. It gave it no protections at all. The plaque is still there in the lobby, which is the only part that remains...These are all buildings people cherish. People think the MFA will be there forever – maybe not. We thought the Y would be there forever, but that wasn't the case. Organizations of all kinds can get in financial trouble and might need

money and can make decisions that threaten these buildings."

What happened 10 years ago when digging through the files at Landmarks was Arey came across a professional historical survey done in 1984 for the BLC. In that survey, the architect identified several buildings, including the YMCA at the time, that were recommended to receive Landmark status so they would be protected from demolition or alteration.

"These buildings I helped save were all identified and recommended in 1984 for Boston Landmarks status and some were candidates for the National Register of Historic Places and none had been done," he said.

What hadn't been done, Arey was ready to do.

Seizing on a little known provision in the Landmarks regulations, he used a citizens petition of 10 taxpayers to join in to propose a new Landmark. While it eventually was too late for the YMCA, he was able to petition for New England Conservatory/Jordan Hall, Symphony Hall, Horticultural Hall, MFA, Mass Historical Society and Harvard Medical School.

It was not easy though.

Many of those, aside from Mass Historical Society, outright opposed the measure as it does take away some of the property rights from the ownership of

such buildings and requires them to go through the Landmarks process to make any major changes.

"Half of the buildings I petitioned for opposed the designation," he said. "They sent lawyers to the hearings. Symphony Hall opposed it. NEC opposed it. Horticultural Hall did not oppose it. They were owned by the Christian Science and they were not opposed. The Mass Historical Society was the only one that thought it was a great idea."

The fight was real, for certain. However, in the end his petitions did prevail and all of those buildings listed above achieved Landmarks status. Five of them are still in the initial process, but are protected from harm. They still await a study report from the BLC to advance them to the final status. Only Mass Historical has gotten the Study Report and been approved for final status.

Arey said that has been a slow process, and he said it's his understanding that BLC likes to roll out a few Study Reports city-wide each year.

The BLC said they have completed the process for Mass Historical Society, but the rest of Arey's citizen petition Landmarks are still in the queue.

However, they did say Horticultural Hall is very close to having its Study Report completed



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Calvin Arey

and moving on to the final process.

Unlike when walking by Mass Historical or the MFA, when Arey walks by the YMCA, it isn't as great a feeling. He said the community of members there was very close, of all walks of life, and kind of broke up a bit (though some are still in contact) when the dorm project moved forward.

"The Y still shocks me," he said. "The members thought it would be there forever. It was built to be there forever...Like us, people don't react until the building is threatened and then they care and developers have their ducks in a row and have taken steps already so it can't be stopped. There are a lot more of these buildings in Boston that aren't protected. If they take initiative before through this process, things can be stopped."

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Berklee's Grace Kinstler wows 'Idol' judges with a spectacular audition

By Cary Shuman

There is only one word to describe Berklee College of Music student Grace Kinstler's audition for American Idol – amazing.

That's exactly how celebrity judge and country music star Luke Bryan described it for the millions of fans watching the ABC-TV premiere of American Idol's 2021 season on Feb. 14.

After Kinstler showed her superb range and immense vocal talent on her rendition of "Midnight Train to Georgia," the incomparable mega-star Katy Perry declared, "Grace, what a voice!"

Legendary singer and songwriter Lionel Richie gave Grace a standing ovation after she lit up America with "Natural Woman" by Aretha Franklin.

The whole beautifully produced segment was worthy of an Emmy itself. The performance, the reaction by the judges, and the sheer emotion of Kinstler's story was compelling and captivating. Kinstler dedicated her audition to her father.

"My biggest supporter was definitely my dad," Kinstler said on the show. "He passed away last February very unexpectedly so that was really hard. I know he would be here right now with me if he were still here."

Kinstler, 20, earned a 'Golden Ticket' to Hollywood where she will pursue the goal of becoming the 19th season's 'American

Idol.'

'A Crazy Whirlwind'

Since her appearance on the show and her return to Boston, Kinstler has received hundreds of congratulatory messages from friends, high school classmates, and the Berklee College community.

"It's really exciting," said Kinstler, who is a third-year student at the renowned college. "I'm really grateful for the opportunity. It's been a crazy whirlwind since the show aired."

Kinstler was asked about the judges' stunning reaction to her performance, especially that of Bryan, whose eyes welled up with tears.

"It was pretty unbelievable for me because he's been in the industry and knows so many talented people and he's witnessed so much talent on the show," said Kinstler. "To have someone who hasn't had that reaction before to have that reaction to me kind of validated all the reasons why I do music. To have that effect on someone of that caliber was just extremely rewarding for me."

Studying at Berklee and living in Boston

Grace Kinstler is in her third year at Berklee. She took all of her classes online for the fall semester.

"That was interesting. It's not something we're used to, especially at a performing school," related Kinstler. "But I think

they've done a good job of accommodating to that. I think the professors have to work extra hard to do that. My first semester went very well."

Kinstler thanked Berklee Assistant Professor Tom Basket, for his guidance and mentorship. "He's my voice coach and he's just been an extremely amazing mentor to me," said Kinstler. "He's always been super supportive of everything and super accommodating for me when I had the loss of my dad last year. He's someone who's always been on my side consistently and I wouldn't have been able to do it without him."

Kinstler lived in a college dormitory for her freshman year. She currently has an apartment in the city.

"I love Boston – it has so much character," said Kinstler. "I came from a suburb in Illinois so to come to Boston is so cool because we're right by The Pru (Prudential Building) and there's just so much to see. And there's still things that I want to go to see here. Boston is just such a beautiful place."

Kinstler has visited Fenway Park, which is within walking distance of Berklee.

"I actually went to Fenway with my parents and my brothers before I became a student at Berklee," said Kinstler. "It was fun to come back and to have Berklee be so close to Fenway. Anytime I walk around, I can see it."



Berklee College of Music student Grace Kinstler performs during an audition on the popular television show, American Idol.

Kinstler initially thought about not attending college, but her parents encouraged her to have a concrete plan for her future.

"So I applied to Berklee where I had attended summer programs in 2016 and 2017 which I really enjoyed," said Kinstler. "It was actually the only school that applied to, and luckily I got in."

The next 'Idol'

Luke Bryan compared Kinstler's audition to that of first-season American Idol winner Kelly Clarkson and 2004 season finalist Jennifer Hudson, who went on to win an Academy Award and two Grammys.

"It was super cool to be able to go in there and be compared to people like Jennifer Hudson and Kelly Clarkson whom I've always looked up to my entire

life," said Kinstler.

American Idol fans nationwide have been reaching out to Grace Kinstler on social media. There have been autograph seekers in Boston and viewers are enthusiastically anticipating the show when host Ryan Seacrest (also seen in Boston on the Live With Kelly and Ryan Show) welcomes Kinstler and other aspiring Idols to Hollywood.

"The reaction has been really crazy," said Kinstler. "Going into it I didn't expect that much of a positive reaction, but my social media accounts have been blowing up and I'm so grateful that people did have that reaction to me."

Grace Kinstler has captured the attention of the national music scene. She will now head to Hollywood in hopes of capturing the coveted title of American Idol.

BLC approves installation of granite covers for Johnson Memorial Gates basins

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) met virtually on February 23, where they approved a proposal for the Johnson Memorial Gates in the Back Bay Fens to install granite covers on top of the basins.

"In 2019, the conservation of the Johnson Gates and improvement to the surrounding landscape was completed," said

Cathy Baker-Eclipse, a project manager for the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. She said that the landscape restoration work included the realignment of pedestrian pathways to better "reflect" how people walked through the area, the conservation of the Johnson gates, among other things.

Baker-Eclipse explained via a slide that the Johnson Memorial Gates were "gifted to the City of

Boston at the bequest of Ellen C. Johnson in 1902," to celebrate the life of her husband, Jesse Johnson.

"Although the Johnson Gates are not in the period of primary significance for the Emerald Necklace, the monuments are historically significant," the slide read.

Baker-Eclipse said that the proposal is to cover "the large basins on the piers of the gates"

with granite, as there is some cracking and damage that has been caused by the freeze/thaw cycle. She said that the "basin on the north pier appears to be free draining at this point."

The crack in the south basin has been repaired, but could potentially re-open or a new crack could be created.

She said that the horse trough basins along Hemenway St. already have granite slabs that were removed for joint resealing and replaced in 2013.

"This proposal is to cover both basins on the north pier and the

south pier," Baker-Eclipse said, adding that the "primary goal of this project" is to allow the piers to "return to functional order at some point in the future," as well as "ensure that no irreversible damage is done in this project."

The basins will be covered with granite slabs that have been measured to fit in the basins, and a "removable, non-compressible filler" will be used, she said.

The BLC voted to approve the project with the proviso that staff will review final drawings for approval.



WSANA gets update on needle-buyback pilot

By Dan Murphy

During the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association's Feb. 23 meeting, which was held virtually, Steve Fox, moderator of the South End Forum, provided information on the needle-buyback pilot program now underway in the South End and Newmarket.

The Community Syringe Redemption Program, which launched Dec. 14 and "has a month left to go," Fox said, is funded by RIZE Massachusetts, an independent nonprofit working to end the state's opioid epidemic.

Every weekday morning during the pilot's hours of 5 a.m. and 7:30 a.m., a van is parked on Atkinson Street and serves as the base of operations. Individuals, who must enroll with the program upon their first visit, said Fox, then fan out around the areas of Clifford Park, Newmarket and Orchard Gardens to collect discarded syringes. They are paid 20 cents each per needle, Fox said, and there's maximum daily payout of \$10 to each participant. (Safeguards are also in place, Fox added, to ensure that participants don't simply sell back syringes distributed free of charge at the nearby AHOPE needle distribution center.)

Once the needles are collected at the van, they are sterilized at an "OCEA-approved temperature," Fox said, and then they're shredded as "non-hazardous household waste." This method of shredding the syringes on site

in the van, said Fox, is, to the best of his knowledge, the only of its kind in the U.S.

Since its inception, 422 individuals have participated in the program, Fox said, and together, they have collected around 101,000 needles.

Additionally, 400 needles were typically left on the street in the target area each day before the launch of the pilot program, Fox said, but since then, that number has dwindled to 20 needles each day.

The cost to operate the van is around \$21,000 a month, which is funded by RIZE, said Fox, and if the program were to expand, they'd "be looking at a similar cost."

Besides serving as a needle-collection site, the van also distributes masks and Narcan, as well as fentanyl strips, said Fox, to help determine how much of that drug is still on the street.

"The way forward would be to make this a public-private partnership," Fox said. "This has been so successful we can't let it go."

Despite the pilot program's apparent success, WSANA Vice President Desi Murphy pointed out that AHOPE is still collecting 10,000 to 12,000 used needles each day, and that fewer needles are typically left on the street during cold weather. "Nevertheless, I'm very happy with it," he said of the pilot.

In another matter, Sue Sullivan, executive director of the Newmarket Business Association, discussed her organiza-

tion's efforts to create a business improvement district (BID) covering Newmarket and stretching into the South End.

A BID, said Sullivan, is an area "where commercial property owners in particular area decide that no matter what city or town does, more needs to be done" by pitching in to pay for additional services. For Newmarket, this could mean improved safety and security, as well as clean streets, she said.

Today, there are 2,000 BIDs nationwide, with 86 in New York City alone, Sullivan said, but Massachusetts currently only has nine, with Central Square in Cambridge being the last one established to date.

The annual cost to operate the Newmarket BID is estimated at \$3.5 million, according to Sullivan, who has arrived at a formula to calculate payments from individual business owners, as well as from landlords of rental properties and, to a lesser extent, from nonprofits.

The Newmarket Business Association already has \$100,000 in its budget to launch this initiative, said Sullivan, and its offices would be transformed into the Newmarket BID's business office.

If established, the Newmarket BID would roll its additional services out in three phases due to cost, Sullivan said, and its initiatives would include shuttle service running every 15 minutes from 5 am to midnight, from Broadway, Andrew Square and Mass Avenue stops on the T's

Orange Line; the hiring of eight to 10 people for street cleanup on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and a two two-man patrol cars offering rapid response and assistance, 24/7.

The Newmarket BID would also pay the wages for four to six additional outreach workers, said Sullivan, "because while the city has outreach workers out there, frankly it's not enough."

Moreover, the city would be stakeholders in this program in two ways - by sign memorandum saying no city services would be decreased, Sullivan said, and by paying into the street-cleaning expenses, since they own a lot of land in the district.

The Newmarket BID has already garnered 400 signatures in support of the effort.

"I'll have the [necessary] signatures in the next month or so," she said, "so I need to button things up soon."

While there is overall support for the proposal, Murphy of WSANA advised Sullivan to talk further with the South End Business Association to settle on the Newmarket BID's boundaries, which is currently a matter of dispute.

During the meeting's final agenda item, Mike Nelson, a member of the city's Mass/Cass 2.0 Task Force, provided an update on the efforts to open public restrooms in that neighborhood.

Councilor Frank Baker has voiced his support for brining a mobile-bathroom pilot program to the neighborhood, said

Nelson, although its would-be location, its hours of operation and its eventual stewards remain uncertain at this time.

"Councilor Baker wants Public Works to be in charge of it," Nelson said. "I'm sure Public Works wants nothing to do with it. We're not privy to those conversations."

Nelson added, "I don't think there's any money in the budget. The fact of the matter is they don't have a location...and they're trying to figure out how to staff them."

This initiative has been "slow-moving," said Nelson, who expressed concern that if it not implemented by the spring or summer, it would exasperate the neighborhood's public defecation problem, just as it did last year.

To measure the proposed program's efficacy, Nelson suggested looking at the number of 3-1-1 calls regarding public defecation.

Nelson also suggested that restrooms could be moved from place to place so not to become a "permanent fixture" in any one location while keeping the public apprised of its schedule.

Murphy of WSANA said while those in attendance were generally in support of the idea, concerns still need to be addressed regarding the proposed restroom's location, staffing and hours of operation, among other unanswered questions.

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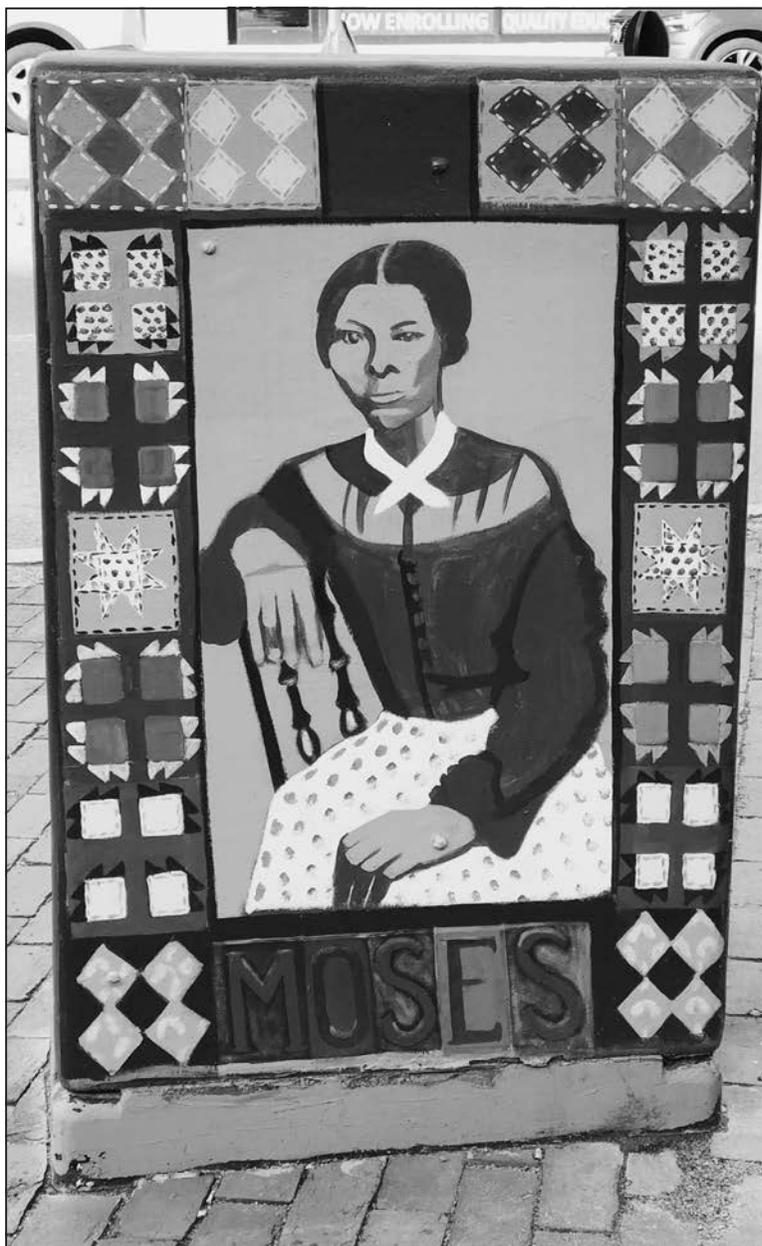
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ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The boot illustration in the last clue is on an electrical box in Harriet Tubman Square. In 2018 this paper reported that the illustrations are of 15 bronze tiles embedded in the sidewalk near the park. The artwork was inspired by Tubman's life and created by school children. Tubman was called "Moses" for all the people she led to freedom.

The next clue will be found in the Back Bay.

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

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



Weekly COVID positive test rate down in Back Bay

By John Lynds

Last week, Back Bay's cumulative COVID-19 positive test rate increased slightly but the weekly positive test rate continues to decrease steadily.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday, overall since the pandemic started 45,302 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6 percent of those tested were COVID positive--this was a 5.3 percentage increase from the 5.7 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Last week 2,821 residents were tested and only 1.9 per-

cent were positive--a 37 percent decrease from the 3 percent reported two Fridays ago.

Citywide, 29,757 residents were tested and 3.8 percent were COVID positive--a 21 percent decrease from the 4.8 percent testing positive two weeks ago.

At a press briefing last Thursday Mayor Martin Walsh said the average number of positive tests recorded each day was 209. That's down by about 13% from the week before, and daily new cases have continued to go down since early January.

"Our current community positivity rate was 4.8 percent," said Walsh. "That's below our 5 percent threshold, and the lowest positivity we've seen since October. The rate went down in every neighborhood, and every neigh-

borhood is now below 8 percent, which is good news. An average of 4,263 people were tested each day. That's up by 3 percent over the week before and does not include college testing."

The Mayor said Boston continues to work with the State on the vaccine rollout.

"On Wednesday, the Governor announced that, as of February 18, anyone 65 or older, or who has two or more qualifying medical conditions, is now eligible for the vaccine," said Walsh.

The Mayor noted that moderate and severe asthma are now included in that list of conditions, which is a good thing.

"This was an important decision, to ensure that more resi-

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Schweitzer, Aida O	D Santangelo RE T	325 Commonwealth Ave #7	\$2,200,000
Pugatach, Ryan A	Turka, Joshua	10 Dartmouth Pl #3	\$1,475,000
Gray, Michael	Bromer, Anne C	20 Gloucester St #1F	\$1,000,000
Harrier Development LLC	Melanson, Ella	86 Marlborough St #5	\$710,000
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8 Whittier Pl 14D8 RT	Snyder RT	385 Charles St #8	\$460,000
Migliozzi, Michele	E A Kelley RET	6 Whittier Pl #40	\$445,000
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Frisch, David	Axelrod, Samuel	1166 Washington St #301	\$1,175,000
Chao, Wendy	Lee, Christopher	43 Westland Ave #303	\$12,600
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Keith, Jamie L	Holton, Jerome	16 Worcester Sq #1	\$1,549,000
Young, I Chien	Chen, Jinya	1 Franklin St #2606	\$1,150,000
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dents of color who face elevated risk are eligible sooner,” said Walsh. “In addition, everyone in Phase 1 continues to be eligible if you have not been vaccinated yet -- including health care workers, first responders, and residents and staff in long-term care and congregate care settings.”

The full updated schedule is at [Mass.gov/CovidVaccine](https://www.mass.gov/covidvaccine).

Walsh said the City of Boston will continue to advocate on

behalf of Boston residents, and increase equity in this process for any resident or community that may face barriers. He said the City is focusing on access in the Black community; the Latino community; the Asian community; and our immigrant communities.

“We’re also focusing on access for elderly residents and those with disabilities,” he said. “We’re doing targeted outreach

to these communities through City departments, Community Health Centers, and nonprofit partners.”

The infection rate in the Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods increased 6.7 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown had an infection rate

of 480.9 cases per 10,000 residents, up 6.7 percent from 450.6 cases per 10,000 residents.

An additional 169 residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from 2,511 cases to 2,680 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID-19 report breaks down the number of cases and infec-

tion rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 3 percent last week and went from 56,079 cases to 57,794 confirmed cases in a week. Thirty-seven additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,251 total deaths in the city from COVID.

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. 24 License Board meeting, 1 p.m., online:

•805, Inc. D/B/A: All Spice Restaurant: 805 HARRISON Ave., South End. Has applied for a Common Victualler License to be exercised on the above: Dining Room, and kitchen. aka 41 Worcester Square. Manager: Mohanad Alshalabi. Hours of Operation: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

•MAX BRENNER BOYLSTON, INC. D/B/A: MAX BRENNER, CHOCOLATE BY THE BALD MAN: 745 BOYLSTON St., Back Bay. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to transfer the license from the above – To: Upland Restaurant, LLC (same location). Bernard K. Chiu, Manager. 11 p.m. closing hour.

•HSB, LLC. D/B/A: ISLAND CREEK OYSTER BAR: 498 COMMONWEALTH Ave., Fenway. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to transfer the license from the above – To: UMNVAG Kenmore, LLC. (same location). Michael Jammen, Manager. Closing hour 2 a.m.

ESH, LLC. D/B/A: EASTERN STANDARD: 528 COMMONWEALTH Ave., Fenway. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to transfer the license from the above – To: UMNVAG Kenmore, LLC. (same location). Michael Jammen, Manager. Closing hour 2 a.m.

•Victoria GL LLC D/B/A: Sushi Kappo: 86 PETERBOROUGH St., Fenway. Has applied for a Common Victualler 7 Days Wine and Malt Beverages License. The premises consist of two floors - each 800 sq.ft.- plus a small patio on private property of 275 sq.ft. which is used annually weather-permitting. Alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the first floor, consisting of the dining area, sushi bar, kitchen and

bathroom. One main entrance/exit on the first floor. The basement level has a storage room - where the alcoholic beverages will be kept-an office, and an employee room. The basement has an additional employee-only entrance/exit. Manager: Jose Garcia. Closing Time: 11 p.m.

•Silver Nickel LLC D/B/A: Union Park Pizza; 1403 WASHINGTON St., South End. Has applied for a Common Victualler 7 Day Wine and Malt Beverages License to be exercised on the above - A single story building with one front entrance and a separate back entrance. The unit to be licensed consists of approximately 1329 sq. ft. with seating for 16. There is a prep kitchen, one employee bathroom in the back of house and a pizza kitchen, counter and small dining room in the front of house. There is basement space for storage. Joe Sylva owner and manager. Manager: Joe Sylva. Closing Time: 11 p.m.

From the Feb. 25 Public Improvement Commission hearing, 10 a.m., online:

•On a petition by 60 Kilmarnock (Boston) Owner LLC for the acceptance of a Pedestrian Easement adjacent to the following public ways in Boston Proper:

Kilmarnock Street – on its northeasterly side at address nos. 60-80, northwest of Queensberry Street;

Queensberry Street – on its northwesterly side at address nos. 83-89, northeast of Kilmarnock Street.

•140 Clarendon Street; Boston Proper – Specific Repairs – On a petition by 140 Clarendon LL Limited Partnership

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.

From the March 2, 3 p.m., COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HEARING: The amount of Twenty Million Six Hundred Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Ten Dollars (\$20,670,810.00) in the form of a grant for the Emergency Rental Assistance, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury to be administered by the Department of Neighborhood Development. The grant will fund assistance to household that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This matter is sponsored by the Mayor and was referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development on February 3, 2021.

From the March 2 South End Landmarks, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom (HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84403749067):

DESIGN REVIEW HEARING

•54-102 WEST NEWTON STREET. Proposed Work: Replace handrails at entry steps and stoops (modify Certificate of Design Approval).

•62-64 RUTLAND STREET. Proposed Work: Replace handrails at entry steps/ stoops (modify Certificate of Design Approval).

•34 EAST SPRINGFIELD STREET. Continued from the 2/02/2021 SELDC Public Hearing. Proposed work: At the rear façade mansard level, remove existing dormer and construct a new wood dormer. At the roof level, install new HVAC equipment and mechanical screening/railing. At the garden level, install a planting bed and drainage.

•209 WEST SPRINGFIELD STREET. Proposed work: Construct a roof deck with spiral staircase.

•599 COLUMBUS AVENUE. Proposed work: At the roof level, install a radio/ antennae on mount with mast.

•609-627 COLUMBUS AVENUE. Proposed work: At the roof level, install a radio/ antennae on mount with mast.

•119 WEST NEWTON STREET. Proposed work: Construct a roof deck with hatch access.

•11 DARTMOUTH STREET. Proposed work: At the front façade mansard level, replace one (1) two-over-two and two (2) one-over-one non-historic wood windows with one (1) two-over-two and two (2) one-over-one aluminum-clad new construction windows.

•75 MONTGOMERY STREET. Proposed work: At the front façade parlor level, replace two (2) historic curved sash windows in kind.

•321 HARRISON AVENUE. Proposed work: Modify the design of a new building approved under APP # 17.0587 SE. Install new mechanical equipment at the roof, construct a new pedestrian bridge, and enlarge a canopy.

•69 MONTGOMERY STREET. Proposed work: At the front façade all levels and rear façade mansard level, replace eighteen (18) historic wood windows (including eight (8) curved sash). At the stoop, replace metal handrail. At wood entry doors and install mail slot. At the garden and areaway, install new fence and remove a portion of retaining wall, remove concrete slab and install a planting bed and brick pavers. Replace garden level entry door and install lighting. At the roof install condensers and a roof deck with hatch access. At the rear, demolish a garage structure.

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 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 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.

SOUTH END SINGLE FAMILY



160 WEST CONCORD STREET
4 BEDS | 3.5 BATHS | 3,668 SQFT
\$4,250,000



3 JOY STREET #PH
4 BEDS | 3.5 BATHS | 3,752 SQFT
\$5,999,999



220 BOYLSTON STREET #1412
2 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 1,673 SQFT
\$3,400,000



20 ROWES WHARF #707
2 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 1,188 SQFT
\$1,899,000



608 EAST 8TH STREET # 1
3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 2,185 SQFT
\$1,225,000

