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Janey, transit supporters denounce MBTA cuts

By Lauren Bennett

A press conference led by the Transit is Essential Coalition was held on March 29, ahead of a vote by the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) regarding service cuts that have been recently implemented on the subway, bus lines, and commuter rail. The Transit is Essential Coalition is made up of over 60 organizations.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey speaks to reporters at the press conference on Monday supporting the restoration of service cuts on the MBTA.

“I can say with certainty that everyone here today wants one simple thing: a fully functioning T that supports bringing our economy; bringing back Massachusetts, and we’re not there yet,” said Stacy Thompson, Executive Director of the LivableStreets Alliance.

Olivia Nichols of GreenRoots, an environmental justice organization, said she is a rider of the Green Line and the 111 bus.

“Public transit is a key component of environmental justice,” Nichols said. “The residents of Chelsea and East Boston are majority immigrant, low income residents, and communities of color.”

She said that GreenRoots has “been actively opposing” the service cuts since the fall.

“It is extremely concerning to see buses passing by that are full beyond capacity because the majority of people riding buses and trains have no other option,” she said.

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New book celebrates the Ducks of the Public Garden and their ever-changing attire

By Dan Murphy

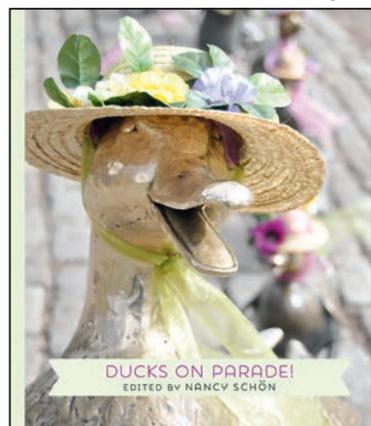
Over the years, the iconic “Make Way for Ducklings” sculpture in the Public Garden, with its ever-changing array of topical attire, has come to represent an evolving Boston through the lens of current events, and a new photo book, out today, April 1, explores this local phenomenon using images of the Ducks donning some of their most memorable costumes.

Nancy Schön, the West Newton sculptor who brought the family of aquatic birds from Robert McCloskey’s classic children’s book “Make Way for Ducklings” to life in the Public Garden, edited this new photo

book called “Ducks on Parade!”

Schön’s bronze sculpture, which was installed on Oct. 4, 1987, traverses 35 feet of cobblestone along the Public Garden and depicts Mrs. Mallard, who

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Reverend Samuel Acevedo, Congregación Leon de Judá in the South End, concluded last Friday’s Prayer Service at the Northampton Street church – a service that had faith leaders from many faiths and backgrounds praying over Acting Mayor Kim Janey and her new Administration. The South End church has played host before to such services, praying over Gov. Charlie Baker in similar fashion five years ago.

South End church hosts numerous faith leaders in prayer service for Acting Mayor Janey

By Seth Daniel

One of the first events for Acting Mayor Kim Janey was a memorable prayer service last Friday, March 26, at the South End’s Lion of Judah Church on Northampton Street.

Religious leaders from across the City and from many different faiths gathered at the Lion of Judah Church in the South End to pray over Janey and the new Administration – something that

was also done five years ago for Gov. Charlie Baker also.

“This has become part of what is done,” said Pastor Roberto Miranda, of Lion of Judah. “We’re blessed and honored to host the service. It was a great moment and all the faith leaders were here...It’s an honor and a great privilege to host that. In particular because Lion of Judah takes its civil role very seriously. We believe the church has to be engaged in the commu-

nity and not just confined within our four walls...We play a role in the community and we serve the community and to have a government leader come into our building is very significant and truly what we believe in – that these two entities have to rely on each other.”

Miranda, members of the church and Samuel Acevedo, executive director of the church’s

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Four amendments to groundwater zoning proposed

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held a public meeting on March 29 to discuss proposed amendments to the zoning code related to the Article 32 Groundwater Conservation Overlay District (GCOD), “and receive comments in order to extend protection to groundwater levels in areas of the city with older buildings on wooden piles built on filled land,” including portions of the South End and Audubon

Circle,” according to the BPDA.

Christian Simonelli, Executive Director of the Boston Groundwater Trust, presented some information about the history of the use of wood pilings as foundations for buildings in areas of the city that are on filled land, and then went over the proposed modifications to the zoning code and addressed comments and questions from residents on the webinar.

According to a slide presented, “The Boston Groundwater Trust was established by the Boston

City Council to monitor groundwater levels in sections of the City where the integrity of building foundations is threatened by low groundwater levels and to make recommendations for solving the problem.”

Simonelli said that when buildings were constructed on filled land between the mid-1800s to about 1920, “if the building was heavy enough; if it was brick, it’s supported on wood piles. It was the method at the time.” He said

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EDITORIAL

THE MARKEY-WARREN-AOC

BUILD GREEN ACT IS NEEDED

The recent catastrophic winter-weather event in Texas has highlighted the degree to which our national infrastructure (among other things) has fallen victim to the penny-wise and pound-foolish thinking that has dominated our national politics for the past 40 years.

The winter hurricane, as some have labeled it, reportedly will prove to be the most-costly natural disaster in the history of the United States. Both the public utilities and the private companies in Texas did not invest in the types of infrastructure improvements to their plants and facilities that would have allowed them to withstand a weather event that really should not have been all that catastrophic.

Much was made of the wind farms that were knocked out of service, but wind turbines all across the globe exist in far harsher conditions than what occurred in Texas and they do not experience the catastrophic failure that was seen in Texas. Texas simply had not spent the money necessary for the winterization of those turbines.

The damage to the state's infrastructure left millions of Texans and residents of other states without power and clean water, causing billions in damage to individual homes (when their pipes froze), as well as the tragic loss of life that now numbers 111 persons.

In addition, the shutdown of oil refineries and petrochemical plants that were damaged by the storm has created shortages across the country that will drive prices needlessly higher for everybody.

And here's the thing: The winter storm would not have been a big deal in most of the rest of the U.S., where governments and business are prepared for such weather events.

But in Texas, keeping energy costs as low as possible was a priority for state regulators. The end result of not spending a few billion dollars upfront to weatherize the state's power grid resulted in tens of billions of dollars in post-catastrophe costs.

This sort of shortsighted thinking is not confined to Texas, however. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the vulnerability of our nation to public health emergencies because we have become entirely dependent on foreign manufacturers for all sorts of critical medical supplies, from drugs to masks to mechanical equipment -- all in the name of "efficiency" and "cost-cutting."

Similarly, we have under-invested to such an extent in our roads, bridges, airports, dams, water supplies, and power grids -- everything -- that we have plummeted to the level of a Third World country. We no longer are a world leader -- we're a world loser.

Our refusal to acknowledge and address the impending impacts of climate change have set us up for even more catastrophic weather-related events in the near-future. The proverbial "100-year" flood, wildfire, or storm has become commonplace.

The Build Green Act sponsored by our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, and House member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez seeks to remedy the twin problems of our crumbling infrastructure and the looming climate crisis.

The time to take action is running short. Hopefully, elements of the Build Green Act will be included in President Biden's forthcoming national infrastructure plan, which needs to get going as soon as possible.



HAPPY EASTER

GUEST OP-ED

Goodbye and thank you, Boston

By Former Mayor Martin J. Walsh

I left Boston City Hall for the final time as mayor. I packed up the last of the photos on my desk, said goodnight to the security guards as I've done a thousand times before, and headed home to Dorchester.

It's been almost three months since I got the call from President Biden asking me to serve as secretary of labor, and the truth is I haven't had much time to reflect. My team and I have continued working around the clock on the response to COVID-19 and coordinating with the incoming administration to make sure city operations continue seamlessly. But now the Senate has confirmed my nomination, and a new team of leaders, both new and familiar faces, will take the reins at City Hall. All that's left to do now is to say goodbye and thank you.

I've been thinking about my mother, Mary, and my late father, John, who met in Boston after each immigrated from Ireland. They worked their entire adult lives to make a good life for my brother, Johnny, and me. They found friendship and solidarity among our neighbors in Dorchester, at St. Margaret's Church, in the immigrant community, and in the labor community. And it was community that helped me survive childhood cancer and get into recovery for alcoholism as a young adult.

Boston taught me at a young age that a supportive community is the greatest blessing, and serving that community is both a responsibility and a privilege. That's why I decided to run for mayor in 2013. After representing Dorchester for 16 years in the State House, and winning victories for marriage equality, LGBTQ rights, women's rights, disability rights, and immigrant rights, I knew that change was possible. I wanted to play a bigger role in making the American Dream a reality for more of my fellow Bostonians.

That's what we've done, together, as a city.

We created 140,000 new, good-paying jobs, fought for workers' rights, and built more pathways into the middle class.

We invested more in public education than at any time in Boston's history. We built record numbers of affordable homes. We fought the stigma around substance use disorder and got more people into treatment. We invested millions of dollars in arts and culture. We've risen as a national leader in environmental justice and women's pay equity.

Over the last four years, especially, Boston has shown what we stand for. As the Trump administration launched attacks on immigrants, Muslims, and women, Boston made it clear that we reject racism, xenophobia, sexism, and bigotry. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Boston has rallied to support people in need and put public health first. And responding to calls for racial justice, Boston took action through powerful community investments, police reform, and cultural change. For all of this, I am tremendously proud and grateful.

If the last four years have taught us anything, it's that we cannot be passive observers of history. We must never take for granted public health, human rights, and our very democracy. Unless we fight for these principles, we could lose them.

Now is the time to invest in community health and well-being. We must address the inequities that made some people more vulnerable to the health risks and the economic devastation of COVID-19. This is the only way to emerge from this crisis stronger than we were before.

We also need to increase civic engagement in all levels of government and decision-making. This past November, we saw record voter turnout, but those numbers should be higher. We need to end voter suppression and show people why their votes matter. And voting is only one piece of the puzzle.

Now is the time for everyone to consider how they can best

serve their community and their nation, all year round. That doesn't have to mean running for office necessarily; you can make just as much of an impact on your community by reaching out to your neighbor when they need it most, attending a community meeting to offer a fresh perspective, or becoming a positive influence on a young person's life. Our nation needs more people from more backgrounds to share their ideas and their creativity as we work to build back better.

This is a commitment I will carry with me as secretary of labor. As I fight for the rights, protections, and dignity that all working people deserve, I will seek input from people of all backgrounds. I will continually work to become a better and more collaborative leader. I will also bring Boston's values with me. I'll fight for immigrants, for people struggling with addiction, and for young Americans who dream of a better future.

I may be heading to Washington, D.C., but Boston will always be my home, and my heart. I'll be back often, but for now, I'll just share some advice.

To all of Boston's emerging leaders: In every decision you make, think about the impact it will have on the next generation, 10, 20, and 30 years from now. Always put the needs of the most vulnerable people first. Always ask yourself and other people in power, "Does this help everyone, or just the few?" And fight until the answer is everyone. Lifting up working people, and creating better opportunities for those who have the least, is the best way to create positive change. It will be hard; you'll have to make very difficult decisions, and own the outcome, good or bad. A true leader learns, grows, and becomes more connected to the community they represent as

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Several Boston restaurants offering Easter specials

Staff report

Several Boston restaurants will be offering specials for Easter Sunday, with options to dine in, as well as for takeout.

Scampo, located inside the Liberty Hotel, at 215 Charles St. will be offering its guests an all-day, a la carte holiday menu crafted by Chef Lydia Shire

from noon to 8 p.m. The menu includes Beginnings: Green Goddess salad with mini avocados, radish, and crisped pork belly (\$21); Maria's handmade chive

bowtie pasta with pesto and spring peas (\$ 22); Spanish garlic soup with peekytoe crab (\$21); Buffalo mozzarella with vine-ripe heirloom tomatoes and basil

(\$15) and Charcoal grilled lamb shoulder chop with spinach feta turnover (\$26).

And then: Scottish salmon

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GUEST OP-ED

A renewed vision for Boston Public Schools

ing the \$100 million investment from Mayor Walsh. Now, with additional City investments and new federal stimulus funding, we have the resources to shift our focus to the promises we made to the communities that helped us craft the strategic plan.

We start with better access to high quality early childhood education. Research shows that high quality early education leads to improved outcomes for children, especially children of color and those who come from economic disadvantage. We will expand our high quality early education programming this year and bring the successful model to more students. We will also expand partnerships through the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Connector program.

A well-rounded education for children in every grade requires whole child support. We have added family liaisons and social workers to every school and are expanding our Hub Schools model to bring additional services to students and families. And every student should have art, music, physical education, civics, science, and outdoor play spaces: fundamental pieces of an excellent education parents have been asking for years. We will tap our federal funding to invest in access.

Every student also deserves a great teacher in every classroom; teachers who receive the right mix of support and resources that allows them to address the unique needs of each of their students. Our plan includes continued efforts to recruit and retain more educators of color and investments in curriculum and continuing education for our educators.

Students and families deserve predictable educational pathways that start in K0 and continue through high school. We are reviewing grade configurations to limit transitions for students and investing in all of Boston's comprehensive high schools to offer opportunities in rigorous academics, athletics, arts, and co-curricular programming. We are focused on preparing students for the challenges of higher education and a competitive workforce by partnering with local businesses. By connecting them with internships, apprenticeships, and industry experience, students can see their own potential and build a path to a brighter future.

In order to successfully realize this vision, we first need to do big things in the immediate future: launch enriching summer programming, bring students safely back to full-time in-person

learning in September, and welcome them joyfully as they walk through our doors. We will partner with students to recover what might have been lost by helping them rediscover their innate love of learning, fostering steady and supportive relationships, and focusing on academic recovery.

Dealing with the toll of the last year beckons us to reimagine the possibilities we created while developing our community-informed strategic plan: a school district where every child has the opportunity to achieve their dreams. A district where every school, in every neighborhood, in every part of the city is

equipped to help every student unlock their unlimited potential.

The pandemic disrupted almost everything we know and hold dear. It lifted up with new clarity the disparities that have persisted in our schools and our communities for far too long. But it also reminded us all what is the best of Boston: our shared faith and determination that working together, we can do big things. That together, we will always rise.

Brenda Cassellius is the Superintendent for Boston Public Schools.

By Supt. Brenda Cassellius

We've learned a lot since closing our doors in 2020. We've learned that we are stronger and more resilient than we could have imagined. The pandemic spurred a remarkable collective response to support our community and reminded us of the value of our relationships with our students, families, and each other.

The pandemic also forced us to reckon with the deep and systemic challenges that have kept too many of our children from fully realizing their potential. The devastating impact of this year-long crisis, particularly on communities of color, highlighted what we've always known: the Boston Public Schools (BPS) experience is not equitable for all students.

There has never been a stronger economic, moral, and collective imperative to address long-standing and fundamental inequities in BPS. Doing so will require strategy, persistence, and a continuation of the resolve we have shown throughout this past year.

It also requires us return our attention to the roadmap we charted before the onset of the pandemic, when we were on the cusp of deploying a new five-year Strategic Plan and realiz-

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time goes on.

To the young people of Boston: I honestly believe there is no limit to what your generation can achieve. I have learned so much from conversations I've had with young students about racial justice, climate action, LGBTQ rights, workers' rights, and more. You have helped me grow as a leader and as a member of the community. You are the most passionate generation I've ever seen, and you're challenging old notions of identity and societal roles. You have the power to change the world for the better. Focus on your education; trust your ability to make a

difference; and be kind to yourself if you make mistakes or if life doesn't go according to plan. I'm proof that there are many paths to success. Don't let anyone tell you different.

Despite how difficult the past year has been, it also showed us how fast things can change, for better or for worse. Right now, we have an opportunity to enact swift, powerful, and positive change. The more people who are empowered to contribute, the more successful our recovery from COVID-19 will be. So this is my call to all Bostonians to consider how you will get involved in your community. Just

as important, think about how you will encourage and empower others to get involved too. You can make a difference, so don't hesitate. Just take it one day at a time.

The challenges before us at a national level are enormous. But Boston has taught me that nothing is impossible if we work together and open the door for more people to get involved.

From the bottom of my heart, Boston, thank you.

Martin Walsh is the former Mayor of Boston and the current Secretary of Labor for the United States.

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DUCKS ON PARADE (from pg. 1)

stands the tallest at 38 inches, leading her flock of eight ducklings - Jack, Kack, Lack, Mack, Nack, Ouack, Pack and Quack - through the park.

"Somehow, the Ducks have become a very important part of Boston," Schön said. "I had no idea that would happen when I did the sculpture. I knew people would love it. I just didn't know it would become such an important part of the city."

The book, which runs 64 pages, begins with photos of Schön and her family at the first birthday party for the Ducks in 1988 in the Public Garden and is then divided into two sections - "Four Seasons of Ducks" and "Ducks with a Message."

"Four Seasons of Ducks" follows Mrs. Mallard and her kin over the course of a year. They wear green for St. Patrick's Day, all dress as bunnies for Easter, don medals for the Boston Marathon and even masquerade as pilgrims for Thanksgiving, while showing their support for all the home teams, including the Bruins, Celtics, Sox and the Pats, with a changing array of uniforms.

The book's second section, "Ducks with a Message," shows the aquatic creatures taking a political stand in costume, such as the knitted pink hats they wore in conjunction with the

Boston Women's March for America, which drew a crowd estimated at 175,000 to the Boston Common on Jan. 21, 2017 - one day after President Donald Trump's inauguration - in support of women's rights. Or, during a guerilla art installation in August of 2019, when the Ducks were caged in chicken wire to show solidarity with immigrants facing mistreatment at the border.

The Ducks are also seen showing their support for the BLM movement and donning masks during the COVID age.

A photo, captioned "Ruth Bader Ginsduck," even shows one Duck dressed as the late Supreme Court Justice.

In the book's forward by Martin J. Walsh, Boston's former mayor wrote, "On any given day, you can walk through the Public Garden and find the Mallard family dressed up to reflect the current cultural moment and adorned with props to signify historic milestones in Boston's history. You'll see whimsical, over-the-top tributes to holidays and sports teams, and you'll see serious reflections on our country's political climate, too. In that way, Nancy Schön didn't just create one of our city's most beloved works of public art; she also gave us a living record of life in our city, and encouraged us all

to become artists and reflect on the moment we're living in."

Of the book, Schön said: "It's a treasure, I tell you. There are things that are political, and it has to do with art. It's kind of the history of Boston and the various events."

There were so many people involved, photographers and when you think about what people do to make these beautiful costumes."

One mystery that remains, however, said Schön, is just who makes the costumes, since no one has taken credit for them yet.

Liz Vizza, president of the Friends of the Public Garden, the nonprofit that works in partnership with the Boston Parks Department to care for the Public Garden, as well as the Boston Common and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall, wrote: "We are pleased to see Nancy Schön's delightful new book 'Ducks on Parade' is available. The now beloved sculpture was presented to the City by the Friends in 1987 'as a tribute to Robert McCloskey, whose story 'Make Way For Ducklings' has made the Boston Public Garden 'familiar to children throughout the world,' as the plaque at the site read. All the photographs of the ducklings in costume are a fascinating display of current events over the past 34 years. The Friends

is proud to have contributed quite a few photos!"

Moreover Vizza added, "In a very generous gesture, Brandeis University Press [the book's publisher] have stated that they plan to share a percentage of the proceeds" from the new book with the Friends.

Vizza, along with Leslie Singleton Adam, chair of the Friends' board, contributed an essay in the book on the Ducks and their role in the Public Garden as well.

Schön said the Ducklings sculpture would never have been erected in the Public Garden if not for Henry Lee, the founder of the Friends group, who agreed to sponsor the sculpture in the park under the auspices of his organization.

"Henry Lee started it all," Schön said. "If it hadn't been for him, the ducks never would've happened, and not without McCloskey first, of course."

As for the book, Schön said it never would've happened without Sue Ramin, director of Brandeis University Press.

The two women became friends after Ramin successfully pitched the idea of a book devoted to Schön and her sculptures to her employer at the time, Boston-based David R. Godine, Publisher. This resulted in the publication of "Make Way for Nancy: A Life in Public Art" in 2017, which revisits and recounts the great success and many challenges Schön has encountered over the course of her career.

Fast forward to April of 2019 when Schön and Ramin hatched the idea for "Ducks on Parade!" over dinner at Ramin's home. Both were so ecstatic when they arrived at the idea, said Schön, that they both simultaneously shot up out of their seats in what could be described as a proverbial "Eureka" moment.

Ramin said she had first noticed the Ducks and their changing costumes during her regular walks in the Public Garden when she was working in the city.

"No other sculpture in the city is being decorated with costumes like this," Ramin said. "It's a real expression of people's hopes, their fear and their joys - it's an expression of the people of the city."

One challenge Ramin said she and Schön faced in selecting images was that many good photos submitted were ultimately deemed unusable, since they couldn't be adequately reproduced in the book because of their insufficient size and/or resolution. (Schön had solicited an open call for photo submissions of the Ducks in costume and then sent her favorite images to Ramin for her consideration.)

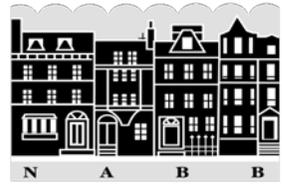
Ramin extends her gratitude to the book's designer, Lisa Diercks at Endpaper Studio (<http://endpaperstudio.com/>), and Vicente Cayuela, a student at Brandeis University, who made the promotional video for the book.

But in the end, perhaps the truest testament to the book comes from Schön herself.

"I'm so proud of this beautiful book," Schön said. "It's a marvelous tribute not only to the Ducks, but to the people of Boston who love them and have made these beautiful costumes for them."

"Ducks on Parade!" is now available through Nancy Schön's website at www.schon.com, or the Brandeis University Press website at <https://www.brandeis.edu/press/books/no-series/ducks-on-parade.html>, as well as at local bookstores, including the Brookline Booksmith in Brookline, and from Amazon.

Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay



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She said solutions include a low income fare and the restoration of full service on the MBTA.

“We’re urging the FMCB to support the MBTA’s plan to get back to 100 percent bus and subway service and we will keep fighting for the the public transit system that our communities deserve until that is achieved.”

Lee Matsueda, Executive Director of Community Labor United, thanked the Congressional delegation for their work on this issue.

“They released federal dollars to our communities during this time of really great need and it’s been clear that this funding... nearly a billion in this most recent round to the T has to be used to get back to full service and keep our workers in their jobs, jobs which are critical to their families and the maintenance operation of our system,” he said.

Restaurant owner Brian Moy, who owns Shojo, Ruckus, Normai, and China Pearl restaurants, said he is “proud to be a Boston small business owner and a leader in the Massachusetts Restaurant United, a grassroots advocacy group formed to help independent restaurants and our workers during the pandemic.”

He said that “we literally cannot reopen if our employees cannot come to us,” and “if our customers cannot come to us during our normal business hours, we will not be able to survive.”

Dwaign Tyndal, Executive Director of Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE), said that there is a “problem, solution, and consequences to these cuts.”

He said that the “problem is the negative impact of cut services on Black and Brown communities, the communities that suffer the harshest during this COVID pandemic...”

He said solutions include that any more service cuts “should be done under a racial equity lens.”

He also said that ACE will continue to advocate for the services to return, as well as “aggressively pursue the legality of community impact cuts.”

Acting mayor Kim Janey is an avid T rider and supporter of public transit for all.

“Now, more than ever, Boston needs a transit system that works for everyone,” she said. “MBTA service cuts shortchange the needs of Boston’s workers and ignore the sacrifices they

make each day to keep our city running. Service cuts make buses and trains more crowded and undermine our efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.”

Janey continued, “Cuts to transit service only deepen the inequalities of our public transit system.”

She said that in Boston, Black bus riders spend 64 more hours per year riding buses “as they navigate routes with large access gaps in communities of color. These kinds of disparities have persisted for too long. We all benefit when transit is fair and accessible to everyone, from reduced traffic and cleaner air. Boston deserves better.”

The MBTA recently received \$435 million in additional operating support, Janey said, and “in light of this new funding, I am calling for action.” She said MBTA services should be restored “as fast as possible,” and should return first in places that have been impacted most by the pandemic and where the service cuts were the deepest.

Janey also announced the launching of a public transportation pilot that will support employees in five main streets districts: Nubian Squares, Three Squares Main Street, Mission Hill, East Boston, and Fields Corner.

“For the period of March 29 through April 19, we will provide nearly 1000 workers with free CharlieCards pre-loaded with \$60 each,” Janey said. “We will also provide these workers with free two month BlueBike passes.”

Employees in these districts can sign up for the passes at boston.gov/freeride, or by texting “freeride” to 8663960122.

“This transit pilot and other new approaches will play a key role in Boston’s recovery, reopening, and renewal,” Janey said.

“It is very important in terms of a recovery that is inequitable,” she said of the program. “We have to lift up workers and make sure that they have access to reliable transportation.”

Chris Dempsey, Director of the Transportation for Massachusetts Advocacy Coalition, said that “transit is essential” and that the funds are available to immediately restore service on the MBTA.

Dempsey said, “We need to see clarity from the MBTA’s control board that this service is coming back as soon as possible.”

He also said, “The Massachu-



Front from left to right: Stacy Thompson of the LivableStreets Alliance, Acting Mayor Kim Janey, Lee Matsueda of Community Labor United, and Olivia Nichols of GreenRoots. Back from left to right: Chris Dempsey of the Transportation for Massachusetts Coalition, Dwaign Tyndal of ACE, and restaurateur Brian Moy.

setts economy only works when our transit system works. That ridership is going to come back. We want it to come back.”

Dempsey also thanked everyone involved in advocating for the reversal of the service cuts, “especially to Mayor Janey. Great to have her here today and great to have an MBTA rider working in City Hall.”

At the March 29 joint meeting of the MassDOT Board and the FMCB, when talking about the proposed FY22 budget, it was announced that “we will increase service levels as quickly as possible on the bus and subway, while running the Spring schedule and accelerating hiring and training,” according to a slide presented at the meeting, but no official date was provided for when it will happen.

The slide also says that the FY22 budget “includes full funding for pre-pandemic service levels on bus and subway.”

On April 5, services will be increased by approximately 88 percent versus present levels on the commuter rail with a new “Regional Rail schedule,” and there is a proposal to resume weekend service on commuter rail lines that have been suspended “as soon as possible (likely mid-May)” but a board vote will be required, a slide read. Additionally, there is a proposal to resume ferry service in Charlestown and “increase frequency on Hingham/Hull service as needed,” it said.

“The budget previewed today offers encouragement that the MBTA and FMCB are listening to riders, advocates, our Congressional delegation, Mayor Janey, and other local elected

officials. Fully funding bus and subway service for the next fiscal year, as well as beginning to restore ferry and Commuter Rail weekend service this spring, are steps in the right direction,” the Transit is Essential Coalition said in a statement.

“We urge the MBTA and FMCB to formalize these steps in the FY22 budget that will be approved in April. The service cuts have set back our region -- the need to restore service and build back better is now more urgent than ever.”



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Former Mayor Walsh sworn in as Labor Secretary by Vice President Harris

By Seth Daniel

Last Thursday, former Mayor Martin Walsh was sworn in as the 29th U.S. Secretary of Labor – and the first secretary that is also a member of a trade union – with Vice President Kamala Harris administering the Oath.

Walsh gave a short speech following the swearing in and told of his personal story and how it would shape his priorities going forward as the new Labor Secretary.

“I thought about my mother and father, who emigrated from Ireland in the 1950s,” he said. “They both worked hard, but our American Dream did not take shape until my father joined the Laborers Union Local 223 in Boston. The union was our way into the middle class. It meant a fair wage, so we could have a home and give back to our community. It meant safety on the job, so we didn’t have to live in fear of

an accident derailing our lives. It meant a pension, so my parents could retire with dignity. And it meant health insurance, so our family had access to quality care.”

Walsh said he followed his father into the trade unions, joined the same union and worked on job sites all over Boston. He noted that it was this union that provided him his first job, but it was also that union that provided health insurance so he could be treated for cancer as a child, and for alcoholism recovery as a young adult.

“In my 20s, because of the same benefits that enabled my cancer treatment as a child, I was able to seek treatment for my alcoholism,” he said. “I am a proud member of the recovery community.”

Those personal details were something that Walsh indicated would shape his policy objectives as he moves into his new role. His five objectives laid out in the



Former Mayor Martin Walsh was sworn in as the 29th U.S. Secretary of Labor on March 25 by Vice President Kamala Harris, as his partner Lorri Higgins looks on. He outlined five areas he will focus on that were shaped by his time in Boston.

speech include:

- Ensuring all workers have fair pay, health care, unemployment benefits, safe workplaces and a secure retirement.
- Ensuring equal access to good jobs.
- Ensuring workers have a seat at the table in shaping workplace conditions and policies.
- Bolstering career education and job training.
- Increasing access to mental

health and substance use treatment.

“These are not just policies to me — these are real, tangible needs for millions of Americans, and I will continue fighting for them as I begin this new role,” he said, noting that record numbers of Americans are seeking unemployment benefits, vaccine rollout is still underway and so many continue to suffer from the pandemic.

“I believe we must act with

urgency to meet this moment, to strengthen and empower our workforce as we rebuild,” he said. As secretary, I pledge to work in partnership with workers and businesses; states, cities and tribal territories; employees in every agency of the Department of Labor; and President Biden and Vice President Harris to help working families build back better.”

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KIM JANEY (from pg. 1)

Higher Education Resource Center, all participated in the ceremony or welcoming the guests to the sanctuary and post-reception. Pastor Miranda said it was an important move by Acting Mayor Janey to allow an Hispanic church to host the ceremony.

“Sometimes we’re the last of all minorities to play a role and be considered in any issues,” he said. “We’re a third-class minority at times. I think it’s important for Latino churches to pay that role and have a place in the public square. It’s good for our people and our church to play a role.”

Janey said she was happy to have the blessings of faith leaders from all over the City, something that she found very unique.

“As a woman of faith, I know the power of prayer,” said Janey. “I am deeply grateful for the blessings of Boston’s diverse faith community. I look forward to leading our city guided by the love, truth and justice that binds us all.”

The program included an invocation, prayers, the laying of hands, and remarks from Mayor Janey. Faith leaders in attendance included Cardinal Seán Patrick O’Malley of the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston; Rabbi Tiferet Berenbaum of Temple Beth Zion; Reverend Miniard Culpepper of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church; Reverend, Dr. Roberto Miranda, Lion of Judah Church; Dr. Yousef Abouallaban, Islamic Society of Boston; Reverend Willie Bodrick II, Twelfth Baptist Church; Reverend, Dr. Nancy S. Taylor, Old



Janey said she was deeply grateful for the blessing from Boston’s diverse faith leaders.

South Church; Minister Randy Muhammed, Nation of Islam; and Reverend Samuel Acevedo, Congregación Leon de Judá.

Said Pastor Miranda, “In a time where all of America is rent by the violence of racial and political discord, she stands as a symbol of hope for a city that, though enlightened in many ways, has not escaped the blemish of racial discrimination in its own history. We pray that she will be a force for unity, and that under her administration Boston will lead our nation as a city of honest dialogue and racial reconciliation.”

“More than 65 years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King was awarded a Doctorate from Boston University,” said Cardinal Sean O’Malley, OFM, Cap. “One of Dr. King’s earliest public actions was to stand in solidarity with — and in defense of — Ms. Rosa Parks, an African-American woman who held fast to the inalienable rights accorded to her as a citizen. Today, Mayor Kim Janey, the first African-American and first woman to serve as

Mayor of Boston, gives witness to Ms. Park’s determination and self-assurance built on a foundation of hard work, truth and justice. We welcome Mayor Janey with congratulations, prayer and the commitment to support her efforts to lift up the City of Boston as a shining light of opportunity for all people.”

Said Rabbi Berenbaum, “I was driving along the Pike the other day, and there was a picture of Mayor Janey on a building. I was thrilled to point to the new Mayor and show my daughter someone who looks like her.”

“All religious orders represented here today are praying for the success of this historic occasion of Boston’s first Black and woman Mayor,” said Reverend Culpepper. “We pray that this Sunday all churches will unite in prayer for Mayor Janey. The



Reverend Miniard Culpepper, of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, led the Prayer Service on Friday in the South End.

church that prays together, stays together.”

Pastor Miranda said having such a group of leaders in Boston comes with no animosity whatsoever. He said that is unique and a great part of being a faith leader in the city.

“I can certainly say there is very little animosity between the various faith leaders in the city,” he said. “We all respect and appreciate each other and coincide with each other...There is a good sense of camaraderie. We like and respect each other.”



Left to right: Samuel Acevedo (executive director of the Church’s Higher Education Resource Center), Sara Arnolt, Mayor Kim Janey, Yulieth Roa Huertas and Benjamin Arnolt. Sara and Benjamin are siblings, teenagers who served as ushers and servers during last Friday’s reception for Janey.

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Acting Mayor Kim Janey

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Rep. Aaron Michlewitz hosts COVID Recovery virtual forum

By John Lynds

Last week Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, hosted the third in a series of COVID Recovery Forums.

The forum last week focused on equity within the state's economic recovery efforts.

"When you'd see those maps (charting COVID infections) a lot of the red spots became communities of color quickly," said Michlewitz. "So now as we're building this economy back we do we have an opportunity, from the state's perspective, to keep things afloat and trying to keep things together by plugging the holes where we can or where

we need to (economically). In the same breath we are also trying to look at long term visions about what is viable or doable. In terms of a legislature standpoint, or even from a city government and a federal government standpoint, we want to ask what we can be doing better. What should we be doing better? What things can we be looking towards to try and provide better equity as we move forward."

Michlewitz said he and his staff had the idea to host these series of forums in order to connect with the community on some of the most pressing matters related to the state's rebound in the face of the pandemic.

"I'm grateful for everyone

for making the time to participate in this conversation, and I look forward to a meaningful dialogue about inequities in our system that have already existed, became exposed during the pandemic, and then were exacerbated throughout the crisis," said Michlewitz said from testing to economic relief to the vaccination rollout, every aspect of the pandemic and subsequent recovery during these difficult times has forced many leaders to reexamine why certain communities had greater access to service than others.

"The goal we've laid out here is to create an open dialogue and to hear from some of our community's leading experts who have been working on these issues throughout the pandemic day in and day out," said Michlewitz.

Members of the panel during last week's forum included Jen Benson, President of the Alliance for Business Leadership, Segun Idowu, Executive Director of the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, and Karen Chen, Executive Director of the Chinese Progressive Association.

Idowu was on hand to advance the economic well being of black owned businesses, organizations, and the black residents of the Commonwealth throughout the pandemic. He talked about how COVID has hampered some efforts by minority business owners but also has presented some opportunities for businesses as well.

Benson participated and discussed the impacts of the COVID crisis has had on women in the workplace. "We have seen so many reports coming forward about lack of childcare and the pressure this puts on women," said Benson. "We've lost over 2.3 million women from the workforce since February 2020. So one of the things that we need to be focusing on is to build back better support for women and families in the workplace."

Chen focused on the Asian American Community's struggles during COVID--including housing issues and Anti-Asian sentiment due to the pandemic. .

"I think, very much like other communities of color, we're very much impacted by the pandem-



Rep. Aaron Michlewitz hosted COVID Recovery Virtual Forum last week.

ic especially when it comes to housing, access to housing and affordable housing and allowing residents to be able to stay in Chinatown," said Chen. "But one thing that's particular to the Asian American community is really the Anti-Asian sentiment. It shows up in forms of violent incidents but also in economic disparity. When this pandemic started we knew that the longer

the pandemic went the harder it would be for Asian businesses to recover."

The hour long forum continued to expand on these important topics with Michlewitz pledging to address each issue the best he can when drafting or sponsoring ongoing legislation that helps support the state's COVID recovery plan.



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EASTER MEALS (from pg. 3)

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Mint gelee; Potato and gruyere gratin; Baby heirloom carrots, coffee and orange butter; and a Salad of mixed greens,

goat cheese, sunflower seeds and apple; and Citrus and rhubarb tart.

Visit www.woodhillpier4.com for reservations.

Meanwhile, Rochambeau at 900 Boylston St. French brasserie-inspired Rochambeau will be open for brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for dinner from 3 to 9 p.m. In addition to the regularly available menus, Rochambeau will be offering its guests Easter menu specials, including Florentine Eggs Benedict, and much more.

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Over at Harvest, located at 44 Brattle St. in Cambridge's Harvard Square, Chef Nick Deutmeyer is serving up an all-day, three-course Easter feast for Harvest guests to celebrate the holiday in a delicious way. The \$65 prix fixe menu will be available from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. for either brunch or dinner.

Easter Reservations at Harvest can be made by visiting <https://harvestcambridge.com>, or by calling (617) 868-2255.

GROUNDWATER ZONING (from pg. 1)

that there are usually about 200 piles per building, and for a typical rowhouse, the "piles are submerged below area groundwater levels," according to a slide. The piles are capped with granite blocks, and water levels are monitored with approximately 800 observation wells that are located across areas of filled land.

Simonelli said that the current groundwater zoning was drafted in 2005, adopted in 2006, and amended in 2007.

"Now is really the time for us to modify the zoning and bring it up to where it should be," Simonelli said. This will help to both preserve the water table as well as protect the buildings that are built on wooden pilings in the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District, and new areas are also being proposed to protect even more buildings in the city.

He said that currently, there are four different Article 32 GCOD triggers, including that a new structure or extension of a structure will occupy more than 50 square feet of lot area, if the construction or extension of a structure "involves the excavation below grade to a depth equal to or below seven feet above Boston City Base," if any structure is to be "substantially" rehabilitated, or paving or surfacing of a lot area, according to a slide presented.

Simonelli then talked about the four proposed changes. The first is to update the one inch capture requirements. He said that currently, there is an assumption that the one inch capture is over the entire area of the lot, and that this should be written into the zoning code.

"As it is written now, the language specifically states a recharge system needs to be designed to capture the area one inch over the area occupied by the building," Simonelli said. "We want to basically upgrade this language to require a one inch capture be applicable to the area of the entire lot," as is currently required by the BWSC.

Additionally, he said that the BPDA Smart Utilities policy "has a 1.25 inch requirement for projects at or above 100,000 square feet of floor area, so we think to really maintain consistency with that, that this should be included in the zoning, so the idea here being that the bigger footprint and the bigger area that you have, the more you should be doing to put water into the ground."

The second proposed change is to raise the no harm threshold, which is currently Elevation 7, or "equal to or below seven (7) feet above Boston City Base," according to the zoning code, to Elevation 8 "based on existing groundwater levels and pile cut off information," according to a slide presented.

"We want to do this because... we've learned so much more really in the 15 years almost that the zoning has been adopted and this change is really, really significant to protect the buildings that have higher pile cutoffs," Simonelli said.

"When a building is proposed and especially a deep building," Simonelli said, such as one that has two or three levels of underground parking, it "needs to be designed, engineered, and built to be watertight," he said. This includes no sump pumps or

water drains or anything that will take water away, which will expose adjacent buildings and lower the groundwater table.

Simonelli said that this is indicated in a no-harm letter which is presented to the Zoning Board of Appeal.

He said that since not all buildings were constructed at the same time with the same pile cut off elevations, and there is variability even within the same block, raising the no harm threshold will ensure the protection of more buildings.

The third proposed change is to update the existing map and coverage areas, as new data on buildings and water elevations in other areas has been collected and needs to be reflected on the map, Simonelli said.

Right now, the map includes both an existing overlay district and a no harm overlay area, but the proposed change would "create a universal overlay area," according to a slide, and remove the two separate requirements in favor of a project being required to meet both the one inch capture requirement and prove that it will not have a negative impact on the groundwater table, Simonelli said.

The map will now include Audubon Circle, the Central Waterfront, Lower Roxbury, and portions of East Boston.

The final proposed change includes amendments to the standards section, Simonelli said.

"This really is language that's tailored around the certification and really puts the burden on the applicant to state substance and facts in really how they're complying with the zoning," he said, and will require that the one inch

capture and no harm requirements "are two separately met requirements."

Elliott Laffer, the former Executive Director of the Boston Groundwater Trust and the current Chair of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB), said that NABB has "very, very strong support for the changes proposed here."

He said that they are "all important investments in what's been a really successful zoning and regulatory effort." Laffer also said that the "GCOD has led to increases in groundwater levels..." and he's happy to see that it will be expanded to other areas of the city.

"I think that the increased elevation to eight doesn't sound like much, but this is a world of inches..." he said, and he believes it will make a difference.

Dolores Boogdian, president of the Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association, said that she is "very pleased to take part in this discussion," and said that she supports these proposed changes.

At the beginning of the meeting, City Councilors Kenzie Bok and Ed Flynn, who both have portions of the GCOD in their districts, made remarks.

"I'm excited that part of the proposal here is to sort of include parts of the city that we didn't originally have canvassed as places where we need groundwater stewardship, like Audubon Circle in my district," Bok said. "I just want to underscore that our reliance on stable groundwater levels is essential to the preservation of communities and to property throughout the city."

Flynn said, "We're so fortun-

nate that the BPDA has a great relationship with the Groundwater Trust on these development proposals and I also have a lot of areas in my district that it impacts, so I'm glad that these provisions are going to be strengthened and to be added to other areas across the city," adding that "you have my strongest support."

After the question and comment period, Bryan Glascock of the BPDA said that next steps include a hearing on this matter at the BPDA monthly board meeting on April 15, and if the board "then makes a recommendation to the Zoning Commission, the Zoning Commission would hear it on May 12 at 9am," he said.

The full video of this meeting as well as more information can be viewed at bostonplans.org/news-calendar/calendar/2021/03/29/amend-article-32-groundwater-zoning-public-meeting.

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ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The lion in the last clue is on 487 Commonwealth Avenue which was designed by architect Richard Clipston Sturgis and constructed in 1897. Today it is an apartment house owned by the Alumni Association of Omicron. 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.

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BPDA approves YWCA Boston rehab project

By John Lynds

At its March meeting last week the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) board approved the renovation project at 140 Clarendon St. that will support housing and wrap around social services for individuals and households experiencing homelessness.

“The approval of 140 Clarendon Street in Back Bay will renovate the existing YWCA Boston Building and convert the approximately 50,000 square feet of vacant or underutilized hotel and office space into affordable housing units, resident community rooms, health and wellness amenities, and offices for building management and supportive services,” wrote the BPDA board in its decision.

The project includes 210 income-restricted units at or below 60 percent Area Median Income, 111 units of which will be for formerly homeless individuals or families.

The renovation to the Clarendon Street YWCA will preserve the Lyric Stage of Boston theatre and Snowden International School.

“Through a collaboration with The Pine Street Inn, the new project will include wrap-around social services for households that have experienced homelessness, including on-site case managers, and social activities, access to job training services, and other social service supports,” the BPDA’s decision continues. “The project will create 210 apartments, all of which will be income-restricted to households with incomes at

or below 60 percent of the AMI. The existing commercial uses on the ground floor, the Lyric Stage of Boston theatre and the Snowden International School (a Boston Public Schools facility), will remain at the building, and YWCA Boston will continue to have its offices at the building.”

The YWCA Boston building is nearly 100 years old, and YWCA Boston is the oldest YWCA organization in the country. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. No exterior additions are planned, but exterior repairs will be undertaken. All exterior repairs will be undertaken in accordance with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings, according to the BPDA.

Boston students, parents call for substantial state funding as schools reopen

By John Lynds

With the promised funding from the landmark education bill that was signed into law before the COVID pandemic hit is still up in the air, Boston students and parents called for the state to fully fund the Student Opportunity Act Funding (SOA).

During a virtual press conference hosted by the Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance last week students, parents, and school committee members from cities across Massachusetts discussed their school funding needs, their perspectives on in-person school reopening this spring, and their aspirations for education this summer and during the upcoming school year.

Boston Public School parents Rafaela Polanco and Suleika Soto testified at the virtual press conference and shared their thoughts.

At the press conference, which was held over Zoom, Polanco and Soto joined students, parents, and school committee members from Revere, Chelsea, Lawrence, Lowell and Randolph to discuss safety measures, social/emotional and educational supports, and other resources they're looking for from their public schools as well as the need for substantial state funding to support those needs.

"I'm a parent of two Boston Public School students and a parent organizer for the Boston Edu-

cation Alliance" said Soto. "We as parents, students, teachers and community members have asked to be heard about fair and high quality education. Low income communities have been disproportionately affected by COVID so we need fully funded schools that are fair and just in our budget—one where every student has access to what they need, including safe school buildings. Black and brown families continue to be disproportionately affected by COVID and a fully and equitable funded state budget can put us on the right track."

The SOA overhauled the state's education funding formula to ensure equity for all students, especially those in low-in-

come areas.

Because the state has not updated its education funding formula since 1993 to reflect districts' real health insurance and special education costs, the amount of aid being provided to cover those costs had been too small for decades.

In January 2020 Governor Charlie Baker signed S. 2412, An Act Relative to Educational Opportunity for Students, or the SOA, which would have boosted investment in public schools by \$1.5 billion annually when fully phased in over the next seven years.

However, when COVID hit in March 2019 budget shortfalls pushed SOA spending to the

wayside. Boston Public Schools were expected to receive millions in SOA funding.

The state legislature's Ways and Means Committee met last Tuesday to begin reviewing the Governor's proposed FY22 budget.

At the press conference students and parents plan to keep pushing for a true commitment to fully fund public school and call for putting the state's commitment to public education funding back on track.

One demand by the group Tuesday is that the state delivers at least two of the seven years of promised funding increases under the SOA in the next state budget.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Prime Storage - Boston Traveler St. located at 33 Traveler St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the

following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 4/14/2021 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Edith Otero

unit #253; Ultimate Laz Parking LLC Joshua Lemay/Ultimate Parking LLC /Joshua unit #329; Lucky Brand Jeans unit #654. 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Self Storage Sale

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www.storage-treasures.com on 4/14/2021 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Phyllis Demarco unit #1107; Towanda Beckers unit #4089. 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.

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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 Acting Mayor Kim Janey 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 March 30 Zoning Board of Appeals, online:

•1230-1264 Washington St., South End. Applicant: Kristopher Kranzky. Purpose: Change of use from Barber Shop to 1 on 1 personal training studio (fitness studio). Only will need to paint interior walls, no other work needs to be done. Fitness studio is already allowed use on the parcel.

•52 Dwight St., South End. Applicant: Highline Development. Purpose: Amendment to ALT1093406. New rear deck and roof deck for exclusive use of Unit 2.

•143-145 Warren Avenue Ward 4 Applicant: Highline Development Article: Article 64 Section 9 Town House / Row House Extensions into Rear Yard Purpose: New Rear Deck and Roof Deck for exclusive use of Unit 4. Amendment to ALT965717.

•143-145 Warren Ave., South End. Applicant: Highline Development. Purpose: New Rear Deck and Roof Deck for exclusive use of Unit 4. Amendment to ALT965717.

From the March 31 License Commission meeting, online:

•SELECT OYSTER, LLC; D/B/A: SELECT OYSTER, 50 GLOUCESTER St., Back Bay. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to amend the description of the licensed business - From: On two (2) floors, First Floor: kitchen, storage and restrooms. Sec-

ond floor: Indoor Dining (+/ 923 SF) including din-ing seating for fourteen (14) and dining counter seating for sixteen (16); Outdoor patio (+/ 317 SF) with seating capacity for twenty two(22). Annual outdoor patio located on private property with 12:30 AM closing hour. Main entrance/exit on Gloucester St. Additional entrance/exit at rear of building. To: On two (2) floors, First Floor: kitchen, storage and restrooms. Second floor: Indoor Dining (+/ 923 SF) including dining seat-ing for thirty (30) and dining counter seating for nineteen (19); outdoor patio (+/ 317 sf) with seating for thirty eight (38). Annual outdoor patio located on private property with 12:30 AM closing hour. Main entrance/exit on Gloucester St. Additional entrance/exit at rear of building.

•PRESSED HUNTINGTON CAFE, LLC; D/B/A: PRESSED, 105 HUNTINGTON Ave., Fenway. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day All Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to amend the closing hour of the licensed business - From: 10:00 PM 7 Days per week To: Sunday Wednesday 12:00 AM, Thursday - Saturday 1:00 AM (indoors), and 11:00 PM (Outdoors) seven days per week.

VIRTUAL TREE REMOVAL HEARING: BACK BAY

•The request is for the removal of one red oak tree measuring 14 inches dbh (diameter at breast height) due to the MBTA Symphony Station Improvements Project on the Huntington Avenue side of 300 Massachusetts Avenue in Back Bay. The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 1, at 10 a.m. online. The hearing will be held by the City of Boston's Tree Warden (or designee). Please note that due to the current pandemic the hearing will be a virtual meeting via ZOOM. Written comments or questions may be submitted to parks@boston.gov prior to the hearing.

From the April 1, 2 p.m., COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HEARING: Order for a hearing regarding existing residential unit diversity across Boston. This matter is sponsored by Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George and was referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development on February 24, 2021.

From the April 6 South End Landmarks Commission meeting, 5:30 p.m., online via Zoom ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/86095987285](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86095987285)):

DESIGN REVIEW HEARING

•551 COLUMBUS AVENUE. Proposed work: At the front stoop, replace existing non-historic railings.

•39 APPLETON STREET. Proposed work: At the front façade all levels, replace nine (9) historic two-over-two wood windows with new construction wood windows. See additional items under Administrative Review.

•139 WARREN AVENUE. Proposed Work: At the garden level entrance, remove security gate and install new wood door.

•567 TREMONT STREET. Proposed work: Modify existing telecommunications equipment at the roof: remove three (3) antennas, six (6) TMAs, and nine (9) radios, and install three (3) new antennas, six (6) new radios, and tri-pod ballast frame.

•24 DARTMOUTH STREET. Proposed work: At the front façade, replace historic paired wood entry doors and threshold in kind.

•106 APPLETON STREET. Proposed work: At the rear façade which faces a public street, modify and extend an oriel window to include an additional two-over-two window.

•143-145 WARREN AVENUE. Proposed work: At the front yard, remove non-historic garden railing and install new cast iron railing.

•500 TREMONT STREET. Proposed work: Install new fencing and associated footings between the Berkeley Community Garden and Dwight Alley.

•155 WEST BROOKLINE STREET. Proposed work: Modify the configuration of the rear façade mansard level, install new windows and install standing seam copper cladding. See additional items under Administrative Review.

•116 APPLETON STREET. Proposed work: At the rear façade which faces a public street, construct a rear deck. At the existing oriel, remove center window, modify the opening, and install French doors. Construct a roof deck with hatch access. See additional items under Design Review.

•463 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE. Proposed work: Construct a roof deck and install a roof hatch.

ADVISORY REVIEW

•89 Union Park Street. Proposed work: Raise roofing system at main roof to allow for installation of internal insulation and ventilation.

From the April 6 East Berkeley Neighborhood Association meeting, online via Zoom:

•Neighborhood Announcements

•Safety and Security Report/Discussion

•Harrison Avenue Re-Design: Boston Transportation Dept.

RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH: We will have representatives from the Boston Transportation Department discuss imminent reconstruction of Harrison Avenue between Herald and East Berkeley Streets. Don't miss this important update on design plans, timing, and other things neighbors need to know.

•Mayoral Candidate Michelle Wu EBNA is reaching out to the mayoral candidates to join us at a meeting to talk about their platform, meet our members, and answer questions.

Come welcome Michelle Wu and learn about her candidacy and plans for our city and the South End. <https://www.michelleforboston.com> Please send your questions for Michelle to: info@ebnaboston.org Submitting your questions in advance will help to manage this agenda item most efficiently.

•Business Spotlight: Venegas and Company - For this month's Business Spotlight, we welcome our neighbor, Venegas and Company, a kitchen design studio located in Jor-dan Lofts on Harrison Ave. <https://www.venegasandcompany.com>

•New Business: solidcore
Also hear from and welcome new neighbor solidcore, located at 345 Harrison Ave.

Alexandra-Ball Neighborhood Association Meeting - Tuesday, April 13, 7 p.m. More de-tails to come.

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).

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).



BEACON HILL SINGLE FAMILY

31 CHESTNUT STREET
9 BEDS | 6.5 BATHS | 8,979 SQFT
\$9,950,000



97 MOUNT VERNON STREET #21
2 BEDS | 2 BATHS | 1,068 SQFT
\$1,350,000



90 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE #2/3
5 BEDS | 4.5 BATHS | 3,062 SQFT
\$4,200,000



100 BELVIDERE STREET #11A
2 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 2,306 SQFT
\$5,790,000



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

