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COFFEE HOUR WITH THE MAYOR IN BACK BAY



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Acting Mayor Kim Janey brought the Summer Coffee Hour series to the Commonwealth Avenue Mall on a wonderful morning Monday, Aug. 16, and found excited neighbors young and old. Here, little Eloise Martin has a ton of fun with one of the trees on the Mall, while NABB Chair Elliott Laffer talks neighborhood issues with Janey.

Open Newbury Street welcomes residents and visitors alike to shop and dine right on the road

By Lauren Bennett

Open Newbury Street was back for its first Sunday of 2021

on August 15, where residents and visitors alike roamed Newbury Street in the middle of the road to explore offers and opportunities from businesses and restaurants. The city will again

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‘Anyone can help a pollinator’ Butterfly release at Childe Hassam Park

By Seth Daniel

Members of the Friends of Childe Hassam Park held the first of what might be many Monarch butterfly release events last Friday, putting out 13 Monarch



Shown left, Three of the fresh Monarchs preparing their wings for flight.

butterflies into the well-manicured South End park on Aug. 13.

Elizabeth Bertolozzi, of the Friends, led the effort on Friday, and had a presentation explaining how the Monarchs go from egg, to caterpillar, to cocoon (known as a Chrysalis) to butterfly.

“It takes 30 days from egg to butterfly which is really extraordinary,” said Bertolozzi. “They are eating machines for about

two weeks when they’re caterpillars. They are very active the first week and then the second week they eat an entire leaf as soon as you give it to them. They go into the cocoon and it takes about seven to 10 days for them to emerge. That process takes about 30 minutes.”

The program run by Bertolozzi, which she has also done in the Fenway for many years, is a call for neighbors and friends to help the pollinators like Monarchs. She also said one can help

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Mayor’s Office seemingly disbands Mass/Cass Task Force, calls for “revamp”

Grass-roots community Working Group to re-form this month

By Seth Daniel

The City has announced that next month it will be revamping the nearly two-year-old Mass/Cass 2.0 plan for the South End/Newmarket area, as well as the public-private Task Force that was intended to guide the plan

– but many now serving on the Task Force said they believe it has simply been disbanded already.

A monthly Task Force meeting that was to be this week was cancelled, and members said the July meeting was also postponed – meaning they haven’t had any meaningful dialog on the Mass/Cass situation most of the summer as it has grown bigger and

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Old South Church installation depicts inhumanity of slavery

By Dan Murphy

A large banner now hanging outside Old South Church depicts people packed as cargo into a ship juxtaposed against those of the faces and families

of those who might be descended from former slaves, or what these people might’ve looked like before they were enslaved.

The installation, called

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The “Middle Passage Installation of Remembrance” installation at Old South Church.

EDITORIAL

ONLY VACCINE MANDATES AND MASKING CAN END THIS

With the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus now ripping through America, especially in the South where folks are neither vaccinated nor take precautions such as wearing masks, it is obvious that the only way out of this pandemic is for government and businesses to mandate vaccinations for their employees and to require mask-wearing indoors.

The Delta variant -- which constituted one percent of the COVID cases in the U.S. in May but now is over 90 percent of the cases -- is proving both more transmissible and deadlier than the original COVID, especially among young people who formerly had escaped the most virulent effects of the first wave of the virus.

The hospitalization and death rates in the South are reaching cataclysmic proportions -- and this is occurring in the summertime, when people are outside and school is just getting underway.

Every private business in America should require their workers to be vaccinated for the safety and well-being of both their employees and their customers.

This also makes good business sense. After all, who wants to fly on an airplane with unvaccinated flight attendants? Or go on a cruise with an unvaccinated crew? Or go to a hospital to be treated by nurses, doctors, and others who are unvaccinated? Or be served at a restaurant by unvaccinated staff leaning over you?

All levels of government -- local, state, and federal -- also should mandate vaccines, both for the benefit of all of their workers and members of the public with whom these employees interact.

This also includes students in universities as well as public school students for those age groups for whom the vaccine has been approved. Vaccines of all kinds already are required for enrollment in school and the COVID-19 vax is just another vaccine.

In addition, every business and government office should require masking by employees and customers to protect them from the unvaccinated and to prevent breakthrough transmissions.

The bottom line is simply this: Unless Americans find the will to get tough, get smart, and just suck it up, life never will return to normal.

AFGHANISTAN: DEJA-VU ALL OVER AGAIN

For those of us of a certain age, the sad and tragic debacle that has been unfurling in Afghanistan this past week is *deja vu* all over again.

We have seen variations of this theme over the course of 60 years of our interventions into the civil wars of other nations. There was the ill-fated, American-backed Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961; the fall of Saigon in 1975; the 1984 withdrawal of American forces from a multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon after suicide bombers killed 220 Marines, 18 sailors, and three soldiers, in their barracks in Beirut; the misadventure into Somalia in the early 1990s; the total debacle of the war in Iraq; and now, the ignominious conclusion of our 20-year involvement in Afghanistan.

Presidents of both parties have been at the helm of these various incursions into the internal affairs of other nations, only to preside over humiliating and costly defeats. Three generations of American political and military leaders have not learned the lessons from these unsuccessful endeavors and therefore have been condemned to repeat the mistakes of their predecessors.

We invaded Afghanistan in the aftermath of 9/11 expressly to root out the al-Qaeda terrorists in the safe haven that they had been given by the Taliban. We accomplished that goal quickly and decisively.

Somehow however, the mission morphed into one of nation-building Afghanistan into a Western-style democracy. When the facts come out about how and why this transformation happened, we have no doubt that they will show that the cabal of the military-industrial complex, with the added wrinkle of the influence of the plethora of so-called "private contractors," proved to be the chief architects of our policy in Afghanistan.

Even in the best of circumstances, people generally do not want soldiers from another country becoming involved in their civil matters. No amount of military might is going to persuade people from achieving their own national goals -- we cannot force other nations to accept our values.

Yes, we're saddened at contemplating the fate of women and our Afghan supporters under the Taliban. And we're disappointed that the Biden administration did not have better contingency plans to factor in the swift takeover of the country by the Taliban.

The lessons of the past should have taught us that our intervention in Afghanistan never was going to end well. But it did have to end, for better or worse.

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bigger as an issue in the South End and Newmarket areas.

The Mayor's Office said they are re-evaluating the Mass/Cass 2.0 plan right now to examine what needs to be adjusted and what new strategies and initiatives might be added to the plan. They said Acting Mayor Kim Janey has also asked those working on 2.0 to explore paths to accelerate re-opening Long Island.

They did not say the Task Force had been disbanded.

"I appreciate the work of the Task Force over the past two years," said Janey. "We are now revamping the Task Force to do even more. I applaud Gov. Baker for making a new \$19 million investment in support services where people need them, Lawrence, Quincy, Brockton, Holyoke, Worcester, Lowell and Springfield. Boston can't do this alone. We need more investments to support people in recovery where they are in Boston and across the Commonwealth."

After suddenly cancelling the Task Force meeting this week, the Mayor's Office said in a statement that they planned to roll out a revised 2.0 plan at the September Task Force meeting.

"The City continues to work collaboratively to ensure our full preparation for improving the Mass and Cass 2.0 Plan, based on the Mayor's proposed action plan on how to move forward," said a spokesperson. "The City looks forward to our continued work with the Task Force to best address the needs of individuals suffering from substance use disorder, as well as promote public safety in the area. The City will propose these plans at the September meeting."

Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) appointee Mike Nelson has said for several months that the Task Force is no longer relevant, and communication is non-existent. Like other members, he received a survey from the City this month that used verbiage pointing towards the end of the current Task Force.

"Communication from the Task Force leadership has been non-existent since the start of summer," he said. "Virtually all meetings have been canceled just

days before they are scheduled. The quotes from City councilors and other public officials in the (media) showed more passion and interest in the urgency of the situation than had been shown by any city councilor in the two years we met monthly."

Steve Fox, South End Forum moderator and a key member of the Task Force, said he had little hope for the Task Force now, and doesn't see it continuing. He said he plans to revive the South End Forum Working Group on Addiction, Homelessness and Recovery. That grassroots group of neighbors, institutional officials and City officials met for five years publicly in the South End monthly, and was the pre-cursor to the Task Force -- which seemingly took the Working Group's place two years ago and does not meeting publicly.

"We have been looking to re-establish the community based Roxbury, Newmarket, and South End Working Group," he said. "We have seen the importance of bringing that same group of people together...Our intention is to really focus on actual initiatives that have seemingly been put on the back-burner at the Task Force or completely set aside in terms of ideas generated...I've received an incredible amount of support for us to re-establish the Working Group, which was the forerunner of the Task Force and did so much great work in the five years we met."

Fox said the current Task Force as of late has not been effective.

"Recently, the Task Force resembles more of a bait and switch show rather than an effort to identify problems and potential fixes," he said.

Member David Stone, president of the Blackstone/Franklin Squares Neighborhood Association (BFSNA), said he and others have gotten very little informa-

tion about the Task Force -- if it still exists, and what its function would be. He said the City's proposal last month with Victory Programs to use the Roundhouse as shelter space without telling the Task Force was disturbing.

"The apparent decision by the City to facilitate an expansion of the population via the Victory Programs' proposal was disturbing in that it appears to have represented a return to the former practice of doing things behind closed doors," he said.

"I would hope the Task Force moves forward in the form where it's at its best and the Task Force is an advisory board with community representation and the City is there to implement some of the ideas," he said. "I don't know now if any of us on the Task Force have been given any indication of what will happen."

He said a great example of the Task Force and City coming together to solve a Mass/Cass issue was last year when they were able to establish an on-call contractor and phone system neighbors can call when they have, or find, someone defecating on their private property. That system was put in place last year and was a hit right off the bat in the South End.

"At its most successful point, it was an advisory board that put forth ideas from the community, and discussed them and the City implemented them," he said.

The City said it has been incredibly challenging this summer trying to maintain a delicate balance of having compassion for those seeking help and neighbors concerned about public safety and quality of life in the neighborhood. They said the City has a team that meets daily to address these concerns and challenges, and the Task Force plays a critical role in addressing those concerns and challenges with the City.

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Two Haitian Americans running for At-Large City Council ask for help for their homeland in the wake of latest earthquake

By John Lynds

Haiti was still recovering from the violent 2010 earthquake that killed 200,000 Haitians when another magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck the Tiburon Peninsula the impoverished country on Saturday.

The latest earthquake killed at least 1,419 people and injured another 6,900 and the country is once again in need of relief.

In Boston, two Haitian American At-Large City Council Candidates, James “Reggie”

Colimon and Ruthzee Louijeune took a break from campaigning over the weekend to ask for help and support for Haiti.

Colimon, who emigrated to Boston as a teenager to join his parents, was shocked by the news over the weekend.

“My heart, thoughts, and prayers go out to the people of my homeland of Haiti, reeling from yet another tragedy,” said Colimon. “The devastating earthquake has rallied the Boston Haitian community together to immediately start the process

of providing much-needed relief. Boston has the 3rd largest concentration of Haitians behind Miami and New York, and there are so many of us who are personally affected by this tragedy. We are a strong and resilient community that has always come together to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti, and let them know that we are here for them”.

Louijeune, the daughter of Haitian immigrants, asked voters to donate to Haiti relief funds

“I’m saddened to hear about another earthquake in Haiti,”

said Louijeune, who lost a relative during the 2010 earthquake that devastated the country. “So far, all my family members are okay but not everyone can say that. At age of 23, I crossed the Dominican Republic border alone into Haiti three weeks after (the 2010 earthquake) to bring resources to my family. (Saturday’s earthquake) brought all that back. Please keep Haiti and the Caribbean in your thoughts and prayers.”

Louijeune and Colimon said those wishing to help Haiti can

donate to Haitian Americans United, a local nonprofit with many members from the affected area. They are organizing a donation collection effort. Donations can be sent to the “Haitian American United” via check by mail to HAU P.O. Box 260440, Mattapan, MA 02126 (memo: “Haiti August 2021 Earthquake”) or by direct deposit at East Boston Savings Bank, Account # 07-774-15001 or on paypal at [paypal.me/donatetohauinc](https://www.paypal.com/donate?to=haui).

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“Middle Passage Installation of Remembrance,” includes the banner measuring 17-by-5 feet, along with a smaller banner with a map showing the Triangular Trade Route over which captive people were transported and sold, as well as the following quote from UNESCO Director General Irina: “The slave trade is not merely a thing of the past -- it has shaped the world we live in, it has molded the face of modern societies, creating indissoluble ties between peoples, irreversibly transforming economies, cultures and customs across the world. The slave trade concerns not only people of African descent but the whole of humanity.”

Sound effects, including waves, wind, gulls calling, timber creaking, chains rattling, and humans humming, also accompany the installation between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

Meanwhile, the United Nations has designated Tuesday, Aug. 23, the International Day for the Remembrance of the

Slave Trade and its Abolition, while Old South Church’s Installation of Remembrance coincides with the dedication of the Boston Middle Passage Port Marker on Long Wharf on Sunday, Aug. 22, at 2 p.m.

The Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Marker Project (<https://www.middlepassageproject.org/>), which was established to honor the 2 million captive Africans who died during the transatlantic crossing known as the Middle Passage, as well as the 10 million who survived to build the Americas, intends to install a marker at every port where enslaved persons were forcibly brought to shore.

Rev. Nancy S. Taylor, Old South Church’s senior minister and chief executive officer, said, “During this national season of racial reckoning, it’s important that a 252-year-old organization acknowledges this important part of our past and our church’s past, our city’s past, and our nation’s past. We need to remind

people this is part of who we are as a nation, and this exhibit provides an invitation to passersby and church members to reflect on this part of our nation’s story.”

The “Middle Passage Installation of Remembrance” is the work of G(RACE) Speaks, a standing committee established six years ago that, according to the church, promotes “sacred conversations about matters of race within the life of Old South Church.”

June R. Cooper, the church’s Theologian in the City, said, “The public installation tells a story - and not an African story -

it’s an American story, and what we want people to understand is that these narratives that have been buried [are now helping to] from our understanding of American history and how legacy or aftershock of slavery continues to this day. As a Christian endeavor, this work speaks to our understanding of who God is as one who creates human beings and expects us all to love each other unconditionally.”

Gathered in 1669, Old South Church in Boston continues to research, name and account for a history that includes “radical abolitionists and the first

anti-slavery tract on this soil (1700),” as well as “many early ministers and members who were enslavers, who benefited from the forced enslavement and unpaid work of countless persons of African descent, according to the church.

Since 2015 the church has held an annual Sunday of remembrance in which the names of African members from the 1600s, 1700s and early 1800s are read aloud. The names of these members (few of whom were buried in marked graves) are also etched onto brass leaves on the church’s Memorial Tree.



Virtual Community Meeting

Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

Monday, September 13
6:00 PM - 7:45PM

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Meeting ID: 160 406 2203

Event Description

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Fenway, Back Bay, South End show growth in Census numbers

By Seth Daniel

All three of the key downtown neighborhoods showed growth in population according to the Census 2020 numbers released by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) research division late last week, though overall diversity numbers in all three neighborhoods are still quite low compared to other parts of the city.

Fenway showed the largest growth of the neighborhoods, growing by 3,838 people for a total of 37,733 people – an all-time high in the neighborhood going back to the 1950 Census when there were 25,804.

Unlike some neighborhoods that suffered under Urban Renewal exodus, the Fenway has continued to show incremental growth since the 1960 Census.

This time around, the neighborhood was 54 percent White, down from 65 percent in 2010,

with the lion's share of growth coming from the Asian population, which increased from 19 percent to 24 percent of the neighborhood. Hispanic residents made up 9.6 percent of the population, and Black residents 6.3 percent of the neighborhood.

In the Fenway, only 2.6 percent of the population were children 17 and under – one of the lowest numbers in the city.

The South End grew by a notable margin (2,761 people) for the first time since the 1990 Census when there were 24,101 residents. In 2020, the South End had 29,373 residents counted in the Census.

In the South End, diversity numbers went down in every category, just as the White population increased since 2010 from 54 percent to 56.5 percent. The Black population went from 13 percent in 2010, to 10 percent in 2020; the Hispanic population went from 14 percent in 2010, to 12.8 percent in 2020; and the Asian population pretty much stayed the

same at 16 percent.

The numbers of children, following a citywide pattern, decreased from 14 percent to 11.7 percent in 2020.

Historically, the South End population is quite low, as like Charlestown, it was one of the neighborhoods that emptied out from 1950 to 1980 – mostly due to Urban Renewal policies and increasing crime. In 1950, the South End was at its peak with 49,753 residents. By 1970, that had decreased to 21,876 residents. Over the last few Census counts, it has begun to climb back up.

The Back Bay saw numbers that were approaching its high from 1950, when there were 21,228 residents in the Back Bay. In 2020, the Census recorded 19,588 residents, which was an increase of 2,966 people over the 2010 Census figures. Since the 1990 Census, the Back Bay has hovered in the 16,000 resident range, and this was the first notable increase in the neighborhood in 30 years.

The diversity numbers for the

Back Bay were not very diverse as compared to the rest of the City, but the growth in the neighborhood seemed to land on an increase in the Asian population.

The Asian population in 2020 was 13.2 percent, which was an increase from 9 percent in 2010. The White population decreased from 79 percent to 71.7 percent, while the Hispanic population was unchanged at 6 percent. The Black population in the Back Bay decreased from 4 percent in 2010 to 3.6 percent in 2020.

The numbers of children 17 and under in the Back Bay was 6 percent of the population.

Citywide, Boston's rate of growth exceeded that of the Commonwealth and the nation, which both grew at 7.4 percent over the past decade. South Boston Waterfront is the Boston neighborhood that grew the fastest, growing 195 percent from just 1,889 in 2010 to 5,579 in 2020. According to the Census data, Allston's population fell by 5.9 percent, with a 40 percent

decline in the group quarters population. This suggests that the college dorm population of Allston may have been incorrectly counted in the wake of the pandemic. Boston grew fast in its diverse populations, especially amongst the Hispanic and Asian populations. The Hispanic population in Boston grew by 17 percent over all since 2010, and that group makes up 18.7 percent of the City's total population – mostly located in East Boston and Dorchester. The Asian population citywide grew by 38 percent over 2010, and that racial group now makes up 11.2 percent of the City's population. The White population citywide grew by 3.8 percent (44.6 percent total), but the Black population fell by 6.4 percent and makes up 19.1 percent of the total population now.

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COVID cases back up in the immediate area

By John Lynds

After experiencing a 10 percent decrease in the weekly COVID positive during the final weeks of July, the weekly positive test rate has increased again in the Back Bay and the surrounding neighborhoods.

According to the weekly report

released last Friday released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 1,887 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 3.3 percent were positive. This was a 10 percent increase from the 3 percent of residents that tested positive between July 30 and August 6.

Overall since the pandemic started 59,001 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6.4 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was the same percentage reported by the BPHC on August 6.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate increased another 5 percent last week. According to the BPHC 18,232 residents were tested and 3.9 percent were COVID positive--this was a 5 percent increase from the 3.7 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 675.1 cases per 10,000 residents--a 1.8 percent increase from the 663.1 cases per 10,000 residents reported on August 6.

Sixty-seven additional residents have been infected with the virus between August 6 and August 13 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 3,762 cases overall since the pandemic began.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 1.26 percent since August 13 and went from 73,228 cases to 74,153 confirmed cases in a week. There was one additional death in Boston from the virus in the past two weeks and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,402.

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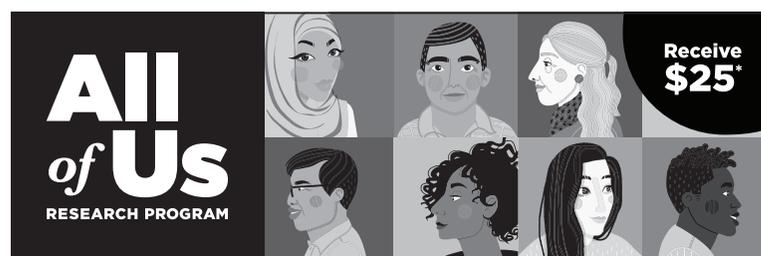
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by not using pesticides and herbicides, even those deemed “safe.”

“Even if you have a very small space, like many do in our urban environment, You can still help pollinators, whether it’s bees or butterflies,” she said. “Not using pesticides or herbicides is big because there are many pesticides and herbicides that are supposed to be safe. If it kills a caterpillar or bug, it will also kill a butterfly. It’s really a myth that some people think some pesticides and herbicides are safe...Bugs are a sign of a healthy ecosystem. The message is you can help butterflies too. It’s not that difficult.”

The 13 Monarchs released on Friday, she said, will probably travel north and then migrate south to Mexico over five generations of the process.

“Some of these are going to be migrators,” she said. “You don’t know for sure, but some do have a size difference out of the Chrysalis and they are stronger and usually the ones to migrate.”

Friends member Rick Minot said they are always looking to add artistic programs to the



Elizabeth Bertolozzi gets ready to release the newly-emerged Monarch’s onto the flowers at Childe Hassam.



Several neighbors gathered on Friday, Aug. 13, to release 13 Monarch butterflies into the Childe Hassam Park foliage. More releases are coming later in the month. (L-R) Dante Ramos, Elizabeth Bertolozzi, Rick Minot, Linda Esposito, Rick Richter, and Alexander Roche.

Park, and also things like the butterfly releases.

“What makes things unique is when you have something like this happening in the Park,” he said. “We try to keep it exciting. It’s one of the only parks in the South End now dedicated to an artist so we also try to keep it full of art.”

Bertolozzi said she wanted to thank Patty Gannon of Greystone Café for saving the milk jugs that help get the butterfly process started.



Caterpillars eating their way through leaves.



Rick Minot, a Board member of the Friends of Childe Hassam Park, videos a Monarch bursting into flight from the outstretched arm of Linda Esposito – who does all of the flower plantings at the Park.

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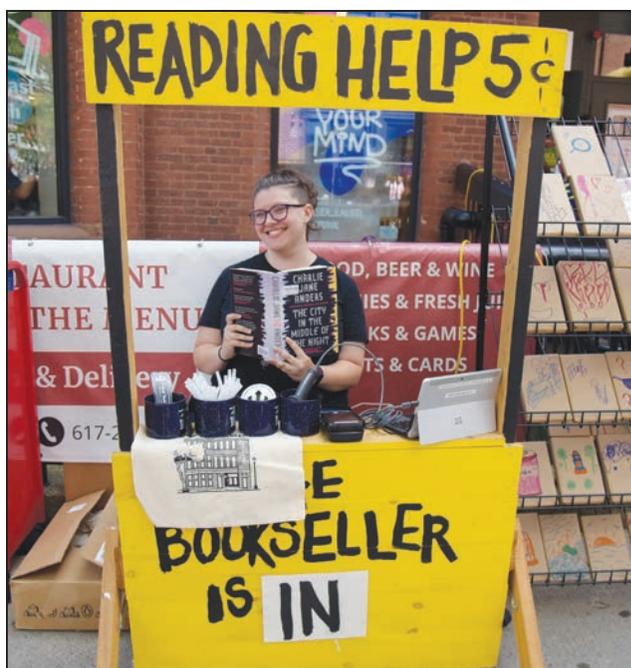
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Olivia Travis, Jessie Gadarowski, and Cheryl Johnson of Bittersweet Homestead worked hard to keep up with the line of thirsty customers hoping to try their fresh squeezed lemonade.

OPEN NEWBURY (from pg. 1)

transform Newbury Street into a pedestrian-only walkway while creating new retail opportunities for businesses on the street when Open Newbury Street returns on Sundays, Aug. 22 and 29, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

After a tough year for businesses, the event brought much-needed relief and allowed for many people to experience what stores offer without having to worry about capacity limits in small stores as well as provided outdoor dining options.

“It lends a really fun atmosphere for the whole street — everybody is in a good mood, everyone is smiling, everyone is excited to see what merchants are doing.” Kathy Palmer, President of The Fish & Bone pet supply shop, said in a statement on the City’s website. “[Merchants] are excited to open up again: our stores are very small so it was hard to have capacity limits in the last year. Having the ability to bring your brand out onto the street in open air where everyone is safe and there’s no fear of being

too close, that really helps!”

Open Newbury Street features everything from local artists and jewelers to pet items, fresh lemonade, clothing sales, and this year, even a COVID-19 vaccination clinic. Many stores featured sidewalk sales and tables displaying merchandise for sale, and the outdoor nature of the event helps with social distancing.

“I’m especially excited to kick-off Open Newbury Street as we look for ways to hold space for collective joy and imagination,” Acting Mayor Janey said in a statement. “We look forward to supporting businesses by providing space for them to engage customers in creative ways. I hope residents and visitors will be able to experience all that Open Newbury Street has to offer.”

For upcoming Open Newbury Street events, Newbury Street will be open to pedestrians and closed to from Berkeley Street to Massachusetts Avenue. Parking will be restricted on Newbury Street and adjacent streets with

enforcement beginning at 5:00 a.m.; signs will be posted informing drivers of the change.

The City also said on its website that in September, more open streets events will be announced in other neighborhoods, and it is also thinking about adding more dates for Open Newbury Street next month, “pending analysis and feedback.”



A COVID-19 vaccination clinic was a feature of Open Newbury St. this year, as the City continues to urge all residents to get the shot.



The event drew a crowd to Newbury St., which was closed to vehicular traffic from Berkeley St. to Mass Ave. on August 15. The street will also close to traffic on August 22 and August 29, so people have two more opportunities to enjoy the deals the event has to offer.



Mother Juice had shaded outdoor seating for its patrons to enjoy their drinks on a beautiful summer day.



Restaurant patrons enjoying the additional outdoor dining space created for Open Newbury Street on Sunday, Aug. 15.



David LaChappelle laid out his paintings on the sidewalk for passersby to browse.



City Councilor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu, her husband Conor Pewarski, and her sons Blaise and Cass stopped by Open Newbury Street.

ANNUAL SUMMER COFFEE HOUR SERIES COMES TO BACK BAY

Photos by Seth Daniel



Acting Mayor Janey waved to the crowd, noting that most were enjoying the summer weather on Monday.



Enjoying their summer plant were Back Bay residents Charlie Neckyfarow and Paula Furst-Neckyfarow.

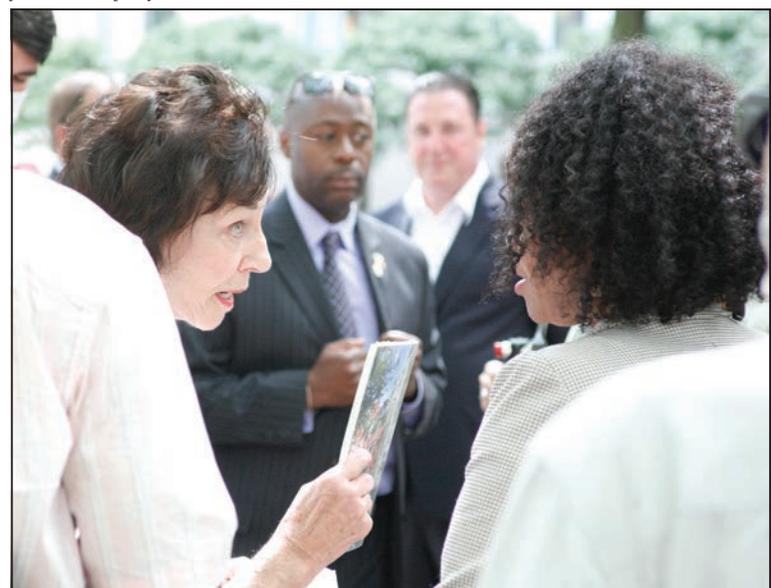
The annual Summer Coffee Hour series came to the Commonwealth Avenue Mall with Acting Mayor Kim Janey welcoming neighbors with her team of City officials. Dunkin' Donuts featured iced coffee and cold brew, along with some snacks, while Star Market donated fruit. The series will continue across many different neighborhoods through September.



EMS Chief Jim Hooley, Councilor Ed Flynn and Fire Commissioner Jack Dempsey.



Stephen Baker (center) with staffers from the Office of Neighborhood Services, including Lisa Hy, Molly Griffin, Tiffani Caballero and George Huynh of Neighborhood Development.



Anne Swanson, of NABB, talks to Acting Mayor Kim Janey about her displeasure with the Copley Square re-design plan. She presented Janey with her 2017 book, 'Back Bay: A Miracle of Preservation,' and also a letter opposing the Copley Square design.



NABB Chair Elliott Laffer, Lauren Brody of Councilor Bok's Office, and Patti Quinn.



Parks Department Director Ryan Woods and Elizabeth Bertolozzi.



Councilor Kenzie Bok, with Beth and Mark Kates.



Josh Zakim, Pamela Carver of the Boston Public Library, and Council Candidate Jon Spillane.

Dignity Matters works to end 'Period Poverty' in state; virtual auction planned for September

By Lauren Bennett

Over the past year and a half, discussion of food insecurity and housing insecurity has been at the forefront of many conversations as the pandemic impacted communities right here in Boston and around the globe. But what about menstrual care? A necessity for folks to lead healthy lives, many are not able to afford menstrual care products, which has only been made worse by the pandemic.

Dignity Matters is a nonprofit that partners with other nonprofits and organizations to provide menstrual care to those who need it most. The Sun spoke with Kate Sanetra-Butler, Founder and Executive Director of Dignity Matters, as well as Director of Development Merryl Glassman to learn more about the nonprofit and how it serves women and girls across the state, including communities right here in Boston. The organization is also gearing up for its second annual Dignity Matters NOW Auction to raise funds to purchase these crucial items, and is hoping as many people as possible will bid on some exciting items up for auction.

Dignity Matters was started five years ago, as "an organization that's focused on providing free period protection as well as underwear and bras," Sanetra-Butler said, for adults as well as school-aged individuals.

"Our mission is critical because SNAP benefits do not cover period protection," she said. Additionally, "for most of

these organizations and the vast majority of women we're supporting, we are the only source," Glassman added, saying that menstrual care products are not often donated. "They are needed every month, so it's a constant need." Dignity Matters is able to purchase these products at a discounted price.

The organization grew from a humble beginning, starting out of Sanetra-Butler's basement in Wayland, to now distributing products to more than 150 nonprofit organizations in the state, 50 of which are in Boston. "They vary from domestic violence centers, shelters for the homeless population, medical centers, as well as just public schools with a high rate of poverty," she said.

About a year and a half ago, distribution was expanded to food pantries as well to help a "population that simply cannot afford to buy monthly menstrual care," she said.

In the Back Bay, South End, and Fenway/Kenmore area, Dignity Matters partners with Women's Lunch Place, Pine Street Inn, Salvation Army South End, Healthy Baby Healthy Child, and the Woods-Mullen Women's Shelter.

Organizations who partner with Dignity Matters have at least a one-year commitment from the organization to provide them with menstrual care products. "That way, they can rely on it," Sanetra-Butler said.

Dignity Matters began by doing collection drives for products, running "hundreds" of them at a time, she said, but it



Andrea Schneider (Distribution Manager), Nancy Baker-Fowler, Alissa Kissell, Kate Sanetra-Butler (Founder and ED), a volunteer, Jeanne Norton, and Pam Keeney volunteered at a bra fitting at Women's Lunch Place in 2019.

was "simply not enough."

Sanetra-Butler said that after learning that New York provides free menstrual products in schools, she found out where they were getting the products from and reached out. "We've been using the same contract for four and a half years now," she said, adding that this has been extended to "big national brands like Hanes and Fruit of the Loom" for underwear as well.

"That's really about 80 percent of what we distribute," she said. "We can't purchase it without the help of our amazing development team."

Glassman said, "We support other organizations that help these women. These organizations know these women; they know their needs. They have their trust."

Sanetra-Butler added, "at the same time, they are experts in knowing their clients and what their clients need on a daily basis. We are experts on logistics, supply chain, and menstrual care. It just makes sense for the benefit of the women we serve that we partner with nonprofits. We secure funding, ordering, shipping, [and] delivering it to women in a timely manner."

The pandemic presented a challenge to Dignity Matters, not only with the additional women needing products, but also with production of the products themselves.

"A lot of the work we did had to be changed," Sanetra-Butler said, including working around not being able to have the several hundred typical volunteers together to help. Distribution went from monthly to bimonthly, which required more coordination, she said.

Glassman added that the manufacturers of the menstrual care products were also manufacturing PPE like gowns and masks during the height of the pandem-

ic, but she was "we are really grateful that they were able to get it done for us" and provide the products needed. There were "a lot of moving parts," she said.

Glassman spoke a little bit about the upcoming auction, which will be accepting bids from September 16th to the 23rd. Items up for bid include an Ultimate Red Sox Tour and Tickets, an insider ticket package for Hamilton on Broadway, rounds of golf at Willowbend and the Hopkinton Country Club, rock climbing and zip-lining experiences, and various gift cards to restaurants, stores, spas, museums, and more.

"We have absolutely been blown away by the support from local businesses and organizations," Glassman said.

"We, unlike a lot of organizations during COVID felt like it was just the right time during COVID to raise additional funds," she said.

Glassman said that between March and June of last year, the number of people served "more than doubled" from 4,000 to 8,500 a month, so more funding was required to support the growing number of women in need.

The virtual auction was what they came up with to help raise

additional funds to ensure these critical products could continue to be provided, while still ensuring the safety of everyone during the pandemic.

Last year, the goal was to raise \$15,000, and \$20,000 was raised. This year, the goal is to raise \$30,000, but Glassman said that the hope is to get closer to \$40,000 or \$45,000.

"So far, we've had a really great response from folks registering and wanting to get involved in the auction," she said. "We're really excited about it."

Now, Dignity Matters serves nearly 11,000 women a month, with that number growing by the day with new requests from organizations. "We need people to step up," Sanetra-Butler said. "If every woman in the state donated \$1, we wouldn't even have this issue."

She continued, "Without period protection, women can't even go get food. Of course, for us, it's one of the most important needs. It's like medication; you just have to have it."

To register to bid at the virtual Dignity Matters NOW Auction and support Dignity Matters' mission, visit bit.ly/dignity-matters-now. For more information about Dignity Matters, visit dignity-matters.org.

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Dignity Matters volunteers Alison Quackenbush, Judi Locke, Jodi Carter, Karen Leichter, Nancy Frantz and Nancy Baker-Fowler pose with menstrual care products at Dignity Matters' warehouse in Framingham.

Janey mandates vaccine or weekly COVID testing for city employees

By Lauren Bennett

Acting Mayor Kim Janey on August 12 announced that by October 19, all city employees, contractors, and volunteers will be required to either show proof of vaccination or participate in weekly COVID testing.

At a press conference at City Hall, Janey talked about the rise in COVID cases “over the last several weeks,” saying that the City has seen about 119 new cases per day.

“The data also show that the vaccine is our best way to protect ourselves from this virus,” she added.

Janey said that an average of 68 Boston residents are hospitalized with the virus, which is half of the rate seen in early May of 127. She said that the hospital

capacity is “well below the established thresholds in the city.”

She continued, “Public health experts expect that we could be living with COVID for a while. This means we will see ebbs and flows of COVID cases, and we need to ensure that our hospital capacity, which is our capacity to save people’s lives, remains below the threshold. The best way to do that is by getting people vaccinated.”

To date, more than 400,000 Bostonians are fully vaccinated, and almost 68 percent have gotten at least one dose, she said. In the Black and Latino communities, vaccinations are up 17 percent in the Black community and 23 percent in the Latino community. “We are making real progress and I’m proud of the work that we are doing together.”

The vaccine mandate for city employees was designed with the goal “to protect our employees and the public, and our work is rooted in public health guidance and based on data and science,” Janey said. She said that city officials have had conversations with department heads, cabinet chiefs, and labor leaders on the topic before announcing the mandate.

...“All of us share the goal of a healthy workforce,” Janey said, adding that the conversations will continue as the policy is implemented.

By the end of August, all city employees, contractors, and volunteers will have to show proof of vaccination using a “secured, centralized, digital portal,” Janey said. “The portal will be designed to protect the privacy of our employees’ health information.”

If no proof of vaccination is provided, employees will instead be required to get tested weekly and show proof of a negative result. “There will be clear timelines regarding when to go get tested, how to submit testing results, and when employees would need to refrain from coming in to work,” Janey said.

She said there will be COVID testing locations at City Hall and in neighborhoods across the city so employees can easily get tested. Additionally, there will be mobile vaccine clinics for residents to receive the vaccine in a convenient location.

On September 20, “public facing workers who interact with high priority residents” such as children and seniors.

On October 4, “all public facing employees” will be required to

comply with the mandate, and by October 18, all city workers will have to adhere to the mandate.

“As the CEO of the largest employer in Boston that employs 18,000 people, we have to do all we can to protect ourselves, our families, and the residents we serve,” Janey said. “In Boston we are leading by example and I continue to strongly recommend wearing a mask indoors and getting employees vaccinated.”

Janey stressed the City’s continuing efforts to vaccinate populations hardest hit by the pandemic.

“As we have seen over the past year, when we trust the science, track the data and work together, we can help to keep our city and her residents safe,” she said.

ZBA approves conditional-use permit for restaurant on Newbury St.; clinic space on Northampton St.

By Lauren Bennett

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) on Tuesday approved a conditional use permit for restaurant space at 276-278 Newbury Street in the Back Bay, as well as a conditional use permit for clinic space at 10 Northampton St. in the South End.

276-278 NEWBURY ST.

Attorney Tom Miller said that the project proponent has come before the ZBA to ask for a conditional use permit to operate a restaurant at 276-278 Newbury St., as “the restaurant use is conditional in this subdistrict.”

The proposal is to change the current retail space into a two-floor Italian restaurant. He said that the restaurant operators are “experienced” in the business.

ZBA Chair Christine Araujo said, “...we want to know seats,

we want to know accessibility, and we want to know trash.”

Miller said that the indoor capacity is 128, with an additional 40 seats on the exterior patio space located on private property. He said permits for accessibility had been granted during building code review, and the project “meets the full accessibility standards.”

He also said that trash would be stored inside the building, and discussions were had with the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) regarding trash.

Molly Griffin from the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services said that NABB had voted not to oppose the proposal, and the project had also received an approval from the Back Bay Architectural Commission. She said the Mayor’s Office was also in support.

Conrad Armstrong of NABB said that the applicant did meet with the neighborhood organization, and they are not opposed to the proposal because the trash will be kept inside the building.

The ZBA voted to approve the proposal as presented.

10 NORTHAMPTON ST.

Chris Corey, one of the owners of 10 Northampton St., told the ZBA that “we’re seeking out a clinic use,” which is conditional in the area. Currently, the space at 10 Northampton is used solely as office space for Commonwealth Community Care, which also operates clinic space in the building next door at 30 Northampton St.

He said that Commonwealth Community Care needs additional clinic space as part of its primary care practice, as this year, they are “rebranding and

expanding their primary care practice.” Corey said that things like podiatry, cardiology, and immunization clinics; “things of that nature don’t work well in a traditional waiting room setting,” so Commonwealth Community Care is seeking to use this space for expansion.

Corey said that there is no proposed construction for the change in use, and the project has received letters of support from the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association and the Newmarket Business Association.

The current office space has been used as such for six years, Corey said. He added that there was an earlier idea to use the space as a substance abuse clinic, but “that’s definitely not something we’re looking to do here under any circumstances. This is going to be a primary care sup-

port space for their practice next door at 30 Northampton St.,” he said.

The clinic hours will be from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday, and there are 47 parking spaces on site. “Most of their patients come via The Ride or other van services to transfer,” Corey said. “They do have parking next door at 30 Northampton St.,” he said, adding that there are “definitely no issues with parking.”

The Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services is in support of the proposal “under the condition that it is not used for recovery services,” said mayor’s liaison Kim Cruciolli. She said an abutters meeting was held where no residents expressed opposition.

The ZBA voted to approve the proposal as presented with the proviso that the space is for clinic and office use only.

Additional accommodations for vehicles with resident-parking stickers set to expire after Labor Day

By Dan Murphy

Effective Sept. 7, vehicles with Boston resident stickers will no longer be allowed to park in metered or two-hour parking spaces, thus ending a practice that the city put in place at the beginning of the pandemic.

“Beginning September 7, 2021, residents with a resident permit sticker will no longer be allowed to park in a metered or two-hour parking space, without having to adhere to the time limit

or pay a meter fee, within their specific neighborhood,” Boston Transportation Department spokesperson Eugenia Soiles wrote in an email. “All operations will be back to normal after Labor Day, so we encourage residents to read signs and be mindful of all posted regulations when they are parking in the city.”

On the heels of this announcement, Elliott Laffer, who chairs the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, said he hopes this change in the city’s parking

policy bodes well for the proposed creation of additional residential parking spaces in that neighborhood.

“The program in place has provided an additional parking resource for residents,” he said, “but as always, there are more residential stickers than there are physical places to park on streets in the Back Bay.”

Laffer said NABB is now in discussions with the city about potentially re-capturing some residential parking spaces on the

“long streets” in the Back Bay, such as Commonwealth Avenue, Marlborough Street, and Beacon Street, which are mostly dedicated to residential parking, but had some meters installed in the 1980s.

“We are looking to have some of those metered spaces – the number is unclear, but it could be fairly considerable – turned back into residential spaces,” said Laffer. “This is something we’ve had several preliminary conversations with the city about, and the

city is supposed to do a study this fall to see how feasible it would be.”

The city is waiting until after Labor Day when the special COVID parking accommodations expire, said Soiles, to launch the “the curbside analysis regarding changes to resident parking in the Back Bay.”

The city currently has no plans to undertake curbside studies in any other neighborhoods besides Back Bay at this time, Soiles added.

EBNHC President CEO Manny Lopes to leave Health Center for Blue Cross Blue Shield

By John Lynds

Manny Lopes' ascension to the role of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's President and CEO is a story that embodies EBNHC's mission and commitment to the community.

Nearly three decades ago Lopes, who grew up in Jeffries Point, joined the health center as an 18-year-old researcher, working with the late Dr. Jim Taylor on a blood pressure study. In the ensuing years, Lopes went on to hold positions in the Human Resource and Operations Departments. Lopes later served as the Health Center's Vice President and Chief Information Officer, providing organizational vision and leadership with an eye for technology and collaborative innovation.

So it came as no surprise when Lopes took over the helm as CEO of EBNHC after his mentor Jack Craddock retired in 2012. Lopes has served as CEO of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center since then and as its president since 2015.

However, the community was shocked when news broke last week that Lopes, who has in many ways become the face of EBNHC, will leave the Health Center to become Executive Vice

President of Blue Cross Blue Shield Massachusetts.

"It's definitely bittersweet but it's a good opportunity," said Lopes, who has served as Director of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Board as well as Chair of the Blue Cross Foundation. "It has been a little more than 28 years in total at the Health Center, more than half my life, and there have been so many good memories and so many great milestones."

When Lopes started he was honored to work as a research assistant for Dr. Taylor.

"Getting a chance to get to know him, meet him and have him as a mentor was just incredible," said Lopes. "Then moving into different roles at the Health Center, getting the opportunity to meet all the great people that work here and to witness the commitment of the organization to our mission and the people we serve has been amazing. I have had a lot of great mentors that were just amazing leaders who were really passionate about the work and taught me a lot. Then I was blessed to have a board that gave me the opportunity to be in this role as President CEO and had the faith and trust that I could do this work and take the organization even further from



EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes will leave the Health Center in October to serve as Executive Vice President of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

where Jack (Craddock) and Jim (Taylor) brought it was truly humbling."

This past year with the COVID pandemic was tough on everyone, especially those in the healthcare industry and the only regret Lopes said he has is leaving before the virus was eradicated. However, Lopes said he is so proud of the work the EBNHC staff has done over the course of the pandemic.

"I just wish it was pretty much over by now but there's still some work to do," said Lopes. "But it has been great to have a senior team and the entire staff who really supported me along the

way and accomplished all the great things we've accomplished in the past year with our COVID response. This past year and a half, when our community needed us the most I think we really stepped up and really helped our community."

In 2018, Lopes added another career milestone to his resume when former Boston Mayor Martin Walsh announced the appointment of Lopes as the Chair of Boston's Board of Health. The Board of Health is the seven-member governing body that oversees the work of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). Lopes succeeds Francis Doyle, who stepped down in October from the Board to assume a leadership role within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

As for leaving Eastie, a place he has called home and a place he has worked every day for 28 years, Lopes said he will still be around.

"Eastie is home for me in many different ways and it will continue to be my home," said Lopes. "I will still have the same passion and love for the community and hopefully through Blue Cross I can continue to find ways to make sure that Eastie continues to have a voice. I'll still be around in a different capacity attending events. I still have fam-

ily that lives here. I still get my health care here, my family still gets their health care here and we still do a lot of our activities here in East Boston from shopping to eating. As the saying goes, "You can take the guy out of Eastie but you can't take the Eastie out of the guy."

On behalf of the EBNHC Board of Directors, Chairwoman Rita Sorrento said, "I would like to thank Manny Lopes for his years of service and dedication to EBNHC. We will work closely with him to ensure a smooth transition before his departure on October 29, 2021. We have begun the process to identify a new CEO and will be appointing an interim CEO in the coming weeks. Thanks to the hard work of our leadership team and despite the COVID-19 pandemic, EBNHC is in a strong position. We are now serving 120,000 patients and employ 1,400 dedicated staff members, many of whom come from the communities we serve. We have proven to be a leader in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, providing equitable and accessible care including more than 150,000 tests and more than 100,000 doses of the vaccine to community members. Above all, for more than 50 years we have prioritized health equity for those in our community and we remain committed to that mission."

For the Record

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

Due to public health concerns, the hearings that normally would be held on a week have been postponed or canceled due to the 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.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - BPS

- Sept. 6: Labor Day
- Sept. 7-8: Teachers/Paras Report to school.
- Sept. 9 (Thursday): Grades 1-12 first day of school.
- Sept. 13 (Monday): Pre-K and Kindergarten first day of school.
- Oct. 11 (Monday): State Holiday, no school.

From the Boston Civic Design Commission meeting, online:

- Boston Medical Center Institutional Master Plan, South Boston
- 109 Brookline Avenue, Fenway

From the Aug. 18 Public Facilities Commission Meeting, online:

- Amendment to the vote of December 13, 2017: Regarding a contract with PMA Consultants, L.L.C. to provide owner project manager services associated with the Boston Arts Academy project. Increase of \$688,608 and Time Extension.
- Amendment to the vote of February 12, 2020: Regarding a contract with Hill International, Inc., to provide owner project manager (OPM) services for the feasibility study and schematic design phase associated with the William E. Carter School project located at 396 Northampton Street, South End. Time Extension and Increase of \$2,180,267.
- Amendment to the vote of Feb-

ruary 12, 2020: Regarding a contract with Perkins & Will Architects, Inc., to provide design services for the feasibility study and schematic design phase associated with the William E. Carter School project located at 396 Northampton Street, South End. Time Extension and Increase of \$6,857,068

From the Aug. 19 Public Facilities Commission, 10 a.m., online:

- On a petition by Davita Kidney Care for the making of Specific Repairs within Harrison Avenue (public way), Boston Proper, located on its southeasterly side at address no. 660, generally northeast of East Canton Street, consisting of curb and sidewalk reconstruction, as well as new and relocated pedestrian ramps, specialty pavement, and bike racks.

From the Aug. 19 Zoning Advisory Board meeting, 5 p.m., online:

- 123 Pembroke St., South End. Applicant: Sean Kennedy. Purpose: Construct rear deck at parlor level per plans.

From the Aug. 19, 10 a.m., COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS WORKING SESSION: Ordinance on surveillance oversight and information sharing, referred to the Committee on March 3, 2021. The sponsors of this docket are Councilor Ricardo Arroyo and Councilor Michelle Wu.

From the Aug. 19 Back Bay Architectural Commission Subcommittee, 1 p.m., online via Zoom (HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83439084002):

- A subcommittee of the Commission will hold a virtual public meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 1 p.m. to discuss the proposed rooftop addition at 761-793 Boylston Street.

From the Aug. 19 South End Landmarks meeting, 5 p.m., online via Zoom (HTTPS://

US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/81128892203):

DESIGN REVIEW

- McKinley Elementary School, 90 Warren Ave. Proposed work: Raise the thru-wall flashing where roof meets brick walls, clad walls above the flashing with prefinished aluminum panels.

ADVISORY REVIEW

- 595 ALBANY STREET - Proposed work: Raze the existing 2-story brick structure and replace with a 6-story mixed use building with residential units on the upper 5 stories and parking and commercial use space on the street level.

From the Aug. 23, noon, COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS WORKING SESSION: Ordinance Amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter VII, Sections 7-2.1 and 7-2.2, Building Energy Reporting and Disclosure (BERDO), referred to the Committee on June 16, 2021. The sponsor of this docket is Councilor Matt O'Malley.

From the Aug. 24 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, 9:30 a.m., via WebEx:

- 215 West Newton St., South End. Applicant: Peter Jones. Purpose: Change Occupancy from Multi Family to Lodging House. Lodging house is a Conditional Use. ZBA review required. If approved, new fire alarm and sprinkler system will be installed.
- 705-711 Boylston St., Back Bay. Applicant: 711 Boylston Street Realty, LLC. Purpose: CAPITAL ONE BANKING CENTER. Change of occupancy to include bank with takeout use (Item 36A). Tenant renovation of existing retail location on basement, 1st, and 2nd, floors, work to include build-out of bank drywall, electrical/fire alarm sprinkler, plumbing, HVAC and finish work.
- 217 Newbury St., Back Bay. Applicant: Blumsack Canzano. Purpose: Remove pro-

viso "take out use granted to this petitioner only for this use only" from BZC 32725. No work to be done.

- 247 Newbury St., Back Bay. Applicant: Canadian Park Training. Purpose: Add Gym studios to existing occupancy.

- 123 Pembroke St., South End. Applicant: Sean Kennedy. Purpose: Construct rear deck at parlor level per plans. Construct roof deck per plans.

From the Aug. 24, 2 p.m., COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HEARING: Ordinance establishing protections for the City of Boston Tree Canopy. This matter was sponsored by Councilors Ricardo Arroyo and Liz Breadon and was referred to the Committee on July 21, 2021.

From the Aug. 24 Boston Landmarks Commission meeting, 4 p.m., online via Zoom (HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/86307343962):

DESIGN REVIEW

- Christian Science Church Complex, 250 Massachusetts Avenue

CONTINUED FROM 7-27-2021

Applicant: Brooke Ten Eyck. Proposed work: The mother church extension edifice accessible entry, new glass vestibule, new accessible entry with elevator, retrofit existing lighting, new building mounted ADA push bottom operator located on curtain wall mullion, remove existing entry stairs and landing.

- Gibson House, 137 Beacon St. Applicant: Jackie Blombach. Proposed work: Repair rear fence and pour a concrete slab in the coal bin area of the coal shed to prevent rats from entering.

•Boston Common, 115 Boylston St. Applicant: Polina Starobinets. Proposed work: Temporary art installation at areas

throughout the Boston Common.

From the Aug. 25, 10 a.m., License Board meeting

- Slesar Bros. Brewing Company, Inc. Doing business as: Boston Beer Works

61 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day All-Alcoholic Beverages License has petitioned to transfer the license from the above - To: Vesper, LLC d/b/a Vesper Bar (at the same location). Panos Demeter, Manager. 1 AM Closing Hour.

REPORTING WORKPLACE SAFETY CONCERNS

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

HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM PROPERTY

Since taking office in 2014, Mayor Walsh has made fixing quality of life issues a priority in his administration. From investing in Public Works to making sure community policing is a staple in every neighborhood, we are making sure every neighborhood is clean, safe and a great place to live and work in. Unfortunately some properties in Boston need more help than others, and that's why we are here. If you know of a property that fits one of the following criteria: multiple calls to 911, one that's blighted or just a general concern, we encourage you to reach out to your neighborhood liaison.

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BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Pettenati, Martino	108-110 Arlington St Mid	108 Arlington St #3	\$2,700,000
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Derouen, John	Kassian, Natasha	195 Beacon St #1	\$840,000
Reyelt, Rebecca S	Rowland, Paul	255 Beacon St #23	\$975,000
Fletcher, Christine N	Allison L Taff 2010 RET	260 Beacon St #8	\$1,720,000
See Real Estate LLC	Wiltshire Beacon RT	291 Beacon St	\$5,643,880
Meisterling, Kirsten	Ray, Matthew D	293 Beacon St #8	\$675,000
Teta, Anthony M	Dewey, Matthew	84 Berkeley St #1	\$1,295,000
Kerri A Shields RET	Sylvia K Zurlo T	2 Clarendon St #310	\$1,395,000
Chen, Jeannie C	Chandler, Patricia A	38-40 Saint Botolph St #32	\$499,000
Gibbens, Michael	Bernard E Greene Jr	314 Commonwealth Ave #2	\$6,287,500
338-3 Comm Ave LLC	338 Commonwealth RT	338 Commonwealth Ave #3	\$1,400,000
Forever Rich Inv LLC	Wong, Keye	203 Saint Botolph St #4	\$1,658,000
BEACON HILL			
Nally, Michael E	Blasberg, John M	28 Chestnut St	\$8,500,000
Rockett, Linda	Taulane, Kathryn	44 Chestnut St #1	\$927,000
North Griggs LLC	Selmasson Holdings LLC	9-9A Grove St	\$3,500,000
Himes, Susan	Behacheli, Daniel M	14 Joy St #2	\$810,000
Pittleman, Jenna	Omalley, Regan	41-43 Phillips St #3	\$750,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Hunter, Ryan S	B A Sweeney 2017 T	11-A Appleton St #2	\$733,000
Ray, Ritik	ADS RE Associates LLC	14 Edgerly Pl	\$1,850,000
Brill, Samuel	Keel, Peter J	8 Garrison St #410	\$517,500
Minghetti, Loic	Poulet, Francois L	11 Knox St	\$2,086,000
12-18 Lagrange LLC	Joshua NT	12-18 Lagrange St	\$10,000,000
Shreve, Helen	Buccafusca, Roberto	5 Melrose St #3	\$600,000
Chou, Shinn Te	Sapiejewski Roman Est	400 Stuart St #18C	\$1,760,000
Warren 154 LLC	154 Warren Avenue RT	154 Warren Ave	\$3,600,000
Richards, Brendon	Amar Kumar RET	47 Warren Ave #2	\$2,400,000
Jefts, Richard J	Finnegan, Dennis E	42 Concord Sq #1	\$955,000
Coury, Arthur J	Mcquillan, William P	19 Father Francis Gilday St	\$2,795,000
Hashey, Kathryn	Rowes Capital LLC	22 Hanson St #2	\$1,250,000
Clapp, Caleb	B S LP	270 Huntington Ave #508	\$153,000
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See Real Estate LLC	Stanmar T	372 Marlborough St	\$7,056,120
Yang, David	Newman, Rebecca H	16 Miner St #114	\$960,000
Swierczynski, Beata	Giller, Robert B	7 Primus Ave #8	\$550,000
Sun, Chen	Landsman, Charles R	675 Tremont St #3	\$860,000
Marcheva, Gabriela	Thomas W Parks LT	28 Upton St #3	\$749,000
Lesica, John	Vicino, Derek J	194 W Brookline St #1	\$1,675,000
Tricomi, Robert	Tuttle, Kris	1313 Washington St #326	\$695,000
Gonzalez, Emilia	Cassis, Alexandra	1597 Washington St #406	\$549,000
Lassow, Evan	Philippi, Nicholas	1682 Washington St #10	\$1,175,000
Gaskarinam RT	Fukes, Anna B	333 Washington St #601	\$525,000
Gaskarinam RT	Fukes, Anna B	333 Washington St #602	\$525,000
Gaskarinam RT	Fukes, Anna B	333 Washington St #603	\$525,000
Machulski, John L	Ouellet, Charles E	26 Wellington St #5	\$1,220,000
Frank, Barbara	Epstein, Larry G	18 Worcester Sq #5	\$1,635,000
Doe, Jacqueline M	Simpson, David	31 Worcester Sq #1	\$1,900,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Rahadian, Andre	JGB RT	1 Avery St #11B	\$1,790,000
Jotikabhukkana, A G	Citradewi-Lai, Joy	1 Avery St #11D	\$1,115,000
Saunders, Norma	Collins, Katherine	1 Avery St #27A	\$3,200,000
Casamassima, Brandon J	Shen, Jiayi	40-42 Beach St #5A	\$405,000
Moroney, Justin	Henderson, Jefferson S	300 Commercial St #309	\$525,000
Bauer, Geoffrey L	Melwani-Mehra, Michelle	343 Commercial St #105	\$2,150,000
Cuspid Realty LLC	Devonshire Rlty Investor	185 Devonshire St #410	\$836,334
Evina-Fung, Yin F	Roberts, Gordon W	88 Kingston St #3E	\$620,000
Ghaly, Andrew	South Capital T	70 Lincoln St #L518	\$920,000
Tiwari, Muneshrie	Karacadag, Cem	580 Washington St #1102	\$1,830,000

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on 9/8/2021 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Jeremy Baptista unit #1060; Rajeen Cordwell unit #3304; Larry Green unit #3306; Julio E Mancebo unit #4071. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be

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ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The carved wave in the last clue is on the Leif Erikson statue on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall. Reader Catherine Lehar nominated it as one of her favorite details. The monument was created by sculptor Anne Whitney and installed (in a different location) in 1887. Its many details deserve a close-up look.

You'll find the next clue in the Fenway.

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





SOUTH END TOWNHOUSE

5 UNION PARK
4 BEDS | 6.5 BATHS | 6,836 SQFT
\$9,950,000



80 BROAD STREET #PH1101
2 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 1,516 SQFT
\$1,450,000



110 SUDBURY STREET #4202
3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS | 2,315 SQFT
\$5,000,000



16 EXETER STREET #1
4 BEDS | 4 BATHS | 3,882 SQFT
\$5,450,000



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

