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Salon Monet receives Certificate of Appreciation

By John Lynds

Founder/Owner of the renowned Salon Monet Shellee Mendes overcame enormous odds to become Newbury Street's only female African-American hair salon owner.

Mendes was raised in Boston public housing developments and was homeless for years with two small children.

Despite the odds stacked against her Mendes worked tirelessly and followed her dreams to become a self made entrepreneur and owner of a thriving business. Mendes rose to become the owner of two successful salons on the fashionable Newbury Street.

She opened the doors of her first salon almost two decades ago that has been a favorite of celebrity clients over the years.

So it came as no surprise when last week Mendes was presented with a Citation of Appreciation from the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulation (OCABR) Undersecretary Edward A. Palleschi.

At a ceremony on October 13 at her Salon Monet, Mendes accepted the citation for her tireless work maintaining a successful business while giving back to the Boston community.

Recognized widely as the

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Shellee Mendes, founder/owner of Salon Monet, the only African-American woman-owned hair salon on Newbury Street, receives the Commonwealth's Certificate of Appreciation from Massachusetts Undersecretary Edward A. Palleschi on October 13 at her Newbury Street salon.

NABB's Halloween Celebration returns Oct. 31

By Dan Murphy

The city will close Marlborough Street between Berkeley and Fairfield streets to traffic Sunday, Oct. 31, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. for the return of the Neighborhood of the Back Bay's Halloween Celebration.

And since this year's event comes on a Sunday, streets will be closed down one hour earlier than usual, meaning trick-or-treaters won't have to contend with rush hour traffic, said Sue Baker, the event organizer.

Those who live in the area are encouraged to decorate their house or yard, or get involved in any other way they choose, and they should also plan to have goodies on hand to distribute to

er than usual, meaning trick-or-treaters won't have to contend with rush hour traffic, said Sue Baker, the event organizer.

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ST. BOTOLPH-ER FEST



The St. Boltolph Quartet: Tom Hofmann Nikki Naghavi, Nate Taylor, and Oliver Chang provided some music to match the pleasant Autumn day for the St. Boltolph-er Fest hosted by the St. Botolph Street Neighborhood Association. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7.

City Council holds hearing regarding Preservation Restriction Agreement for Howell Matson House at 41 Melrose St.

By Lauren Bennett

The City Council Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation held a hearing on October 19 regarding a Preservation Restriction Agreement for 41 Melrose St. in Bay Village, known as the Howell Matson House.

While Councilor Michelle Wu is the chair of this committee,

Councilor Ed Flynn chaired the hearing. Joseph Cornish, Director of Design Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) provided information about the property and the proposed agreement, while Rosanne Foley, Executive Director of the Landmarks Commission, was also on hand to provide additional information.

Cornish explained that the

approval sought is for a Preservation Restriction Agreement for 41 Melrose St. to be held by Historic New England. He said that it is a private agreement between Historic New England and the owner of the property which states that "certain work outlined in the agreement" cannot happen without approval from Historic

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Proposed Boston Commemoration Commission moves ahead

By Dan Murphy

While the 250th anniversary of the beginning of the American Revolution coming in 2026 and the 400th anniversary of the founding of Boston in 2030 will undoubtedly attract much fanfare, City Councilor Kenzie Bok is proposing the creation of the Boston Commemoration Commission to continue to promote inclusivity in celebrating the city's history.

"I'd love for us to be the city in America doing the best job

grappling with its history and showcasing it, said Councilor Bok, who was previously a historian by profession, during a virtual meeting sponsored by the City Council Committee on Government Operations on Tuesday, Oct. 19, to discuss the city ordinance she filed proposing the creation of the Commemoration Commission.

According to Councilor Bok, the goals of the commission would include working on a timeline that, besides the two aforementioned upcoming anni-

versaries, would include other important anniversaries in the city, especially those celebrated in the indigenous and black communities; creating an education curriculum that would entail taking a closer look at the city's archives and teaching a more inclusive history curriculum in Boston Public Schools; updating the city's tools, such as the Boston Planning & Development Agency's Article 85 demolition to delay to potentially save his-

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EDITORIAL

GENERAL COLIN POWELL

The death this past week of General Colin Powell at the age of 84 removes from our country one of the most outstanding persons ever to serve the United States.

Colin Powell was both a soldier and a statesman. What Dwight Eisenhower was to America in the middle of the 20th century, Colin Powell was to our country in the latter part of the century.

The son of Jamaican immigrants, Powell was a decorated war hero through two tours of duty in Vietnam and became a trusted advisor to three American presidents in various capacities while serving on the National Security Council, as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and as Secretary of State.

General Powell was a trailblazer, becoming the first Black person to serve our country in those capacities.

His straightforwardness and honesty set him apart from his peers. Powell had no agenda, other than doing what he thought was best for the country and the world.

Whenever General Powell appeared as a guest on a TV news show, it was must-see TV, because unlike politicians and others, he always could be counted upon to tell the truth.

There was one glaring exception of course, and that was his support for the War in Iraq, which rates among the most disastrous, and certainly the most consequential, military endeavor in our nation's history.

Powell later conceded that his support for that war was a "blot" on his record. But that admission to making a mistake precisely is what set him apart from his peers.

In an interview with the New York Times, General Powell was asked to describe himself. Here is what he said:

"Powell is a problem-solver. He was taught as a soldier to solve problems. So he has views, but he's not an ideologue. He has passion, but he's not a fanatic. He's first and foremost a problem-solver."

Our nation and the world are the poorer for the loss of Colin Powell.

May he rest in peace.

GET YOUR BOOSTER STAT

With the FDA and the CDC recommending that already-vaccinated Americans over a certain age and with certain medical conditions receive booster shots, we urge all of our readers who qualify to receive a booster to do so as soon as possible (in medical lingo, STAT).

COVID-19 is not going away anytime soon, if ever, thanks to a combination of high-transmissibility of its variants and the refusal of a large number of Americans to become vaccinated.

We now know that the efficacy of the vaccines wanes over time, but that a third dose (for Moderna and Pfizer) and a second dose (for Johnson and Johnson) provides amped-up immunity.

COVID-19 is a terrible way to die and even for those who survive it, so-called long-haul COVID can have devastating health effects for up to 30% of those who contract the disease.

A vaccine -- and a booster -- are the best way to protect ourselves.

GUEST OP-ED

Yes on 1 for a Better Budget: The time is now

By Andres Del Castillo,
Co-Director, Right to the City Boston

This year, there will be a question on the November ballot that would change how the City budget is created. It would allow the city council to change budget items by a majority vote, and create an Office of Participatory Budgeting to allow people to vote on certain budget items. More of us would get a say in how we spend our City's money.

Currently, city councilors can only vote yes or no on the entire budget; they have no power to shift funds within the budget. Also, there is currently no process for voters in Boston to have direct input on the budget through participatory budgeting processes, a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend a portion of a public budget. This project exists in many other major cities like our neighbors next door in Cambridge, as well as New York, Seattle, Oakland, and Chicago.

By voting yes on Question 1 this November, voters have a chance to amend the City of Boston's Charter to allow far more voices to influence the budget process, including communities who have historically been excluded from influencing the budget. This effort "Yes on 1 for a Better Budget" is led by a coalition of community organizations, teachers, nurses, faith leaders, environmental groups, small businesses, elected officials, and voters across Boston.

The changes were approved by every member of the city council, including the two mayoral candidates, so all the people most involved in the budget process agree these are good changes for Boston. Allowing legislative budget changes is very common, and government bodies from the federal and state governments down to cities and towns work this way, and it works very well.

Having more leaders who are closer to the needs of the communities in the city will ensure that community needs are better met

in the budget than allowing only the mayor to set the priorities.

Why vote Yes on 1? Boston needs more affordability, stronger schools, thriving local businesses, and good youth jobs. Yes on 1 would allow us to better achieve these goals by giving local city councilors more input so that every Boston neighborhood is fully included.

Vote on November 2nd, YES ON QUESTION 1!

Visit www.YesOn1Boston.com and follow @Yeson1Boston

Right to the City Boston is a multi-issued alliance, made up of grassroots based-building organizations representing low-income, POC/immigrant communities, who work collectively for social, economic and racial justice. Alternatives for Community and Environment, Chinese Progressive Association, City Life/Vida Urbana, and New England United 4 Justice, have all come together under a platform of values and principles

GUEST OP-ED

Don't let Acting Mayor Kim Janey erase Boston's Italian Americans

By Denise Furnari and
Justice Chair Diane Modica

Acting Boston Mayor Kim Janey has unilaterally decided to change Columbus Day in Boston to Indigenous Peoples Day and will announce it today October 6, 2021 at 2:30 PM at Boston City Hall. We need your support and your voice in the ongoing battle to preserve Columbus Day. Please attend or call City Hall

This is outrageous! First of all, this is being done with absolutely no advance notice or contact with the Massachusetts Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America or its Commission for Social Justice which has been working day and night to educate local cities and towns about the false claims and outright lied being made against Columbus. The Italian Americans of Boston deserve more respect than this cheap shot.

For decades in October, the

City of Boston has held the annual Columbus Day Parade for the entire city to share in Italian music, food, and culture and to honor the accomplishments of Columbus. East Boston and the North End, where many of the city's Italian immigrants first settled, shares hosting duties in alternate years. Because of COVID the parade has not taken place in 2020 or 2021. But Janey is setting the table to do away with it altogether.

Columbus is not only an Italian American icon, but a positive symbol for many Americans including many Latino neighbors in East Boston who celebrate the holiday and attend the parade.

Italian Americans have no fight with Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the historic mistreatment they have endured. But two wrongs don't make a right. Taking away from Italian Americas something that was

hard earned and paid for with the blood of many Italian souls is just plain WRONG!

There are numerous historic records that tell the stories of Italians who were lynched throughout the nation in the last 1800's. Even prejudiced national media seemed to approve of it from actual coverage in the papers! The selection of Columbus to honor and celebrate the contributions of Italians to America emerged from those tragedies as Columbus Day. Close to 1.5 million Italian Americans, the largest ethnic group serving across all U.S. armed forces, fought in WWII to defend this nation. We stand on all of their shoulders as well as our parents and grandparents who had the courage to come to this country giving us the life we now have. Will you be the voice of those who came before us? .

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First-ever LGBTQ+ 5K in state coming Sunday, Oct. 31, to the Common

Staff Report

Boston Theater Company (BTC), the organization that produced “Finish Line: A Documentary Play About the 2013 Boston Marathon,” and the Artist Athletic Association (AAA) have announced the first-ever 5K road race in Massachusetts, Road of Rainbows, on Sunday, Oct. 31, at the Boston Common. The road race is not only the first of its kind for the LGBTQ+ community but it also aims to break down the barriers between athletics and the arts as its fund-

raising goal is to support the arts community.

The Artist Athletic Association (AAA) consists of artists and supporters of the arts who believe in teamwork, dedication, and commitment. The mission of AAA is to promote health and wellness through physical activity, believing that the arts and athletics are for people of all genders, races, abilities, sexual preferences, classes and identities. The beneficiary of the 2021 Road of Rainbows will be the play *The Gay Agenda*, BTC’s newest piece which hosted virtu-

al previews last September that offers an inside look at what it is like to identify as LGBTQ+ in today’s world using words taken directly from interviews.

Producing Artistic Director of Boston Theater Company Joey Frangieh shares, “This has been a passion project for us at BTC since 2019 when we dreamt of creating a 5k that was as much about being inclusive as it was about showing off everyone’s inner unicorn.” Frangieh continues, “We created the Artist Athletic Association to be the first association of its kind to break

down the boundaries between athletics and the arts – we hope that Road of Rainbows will be an annual event that continues to confront and challenge the constructed binary imposed between artists and athletes.”

Road of Rainbows also has five Counselors overseeing the 5K road race. The counselors are a group of folks with oversight, veto and decision power tasked to help ensure Road of Rainbows is an inclusive event.

To register for the Road of Rainbows 5k, standard registra-

tion costs are \$35 (a true cost ticket can be purchased at \$50 as well as a student or subsidized ticket at \$20) A VIRTUAL running ticket is also available for folks who are outside of Massachusetts or for those who may not be able to attend in person tickets are \$20 and include a mailed goody bag upon completion. BTC is also committed to making this event economically inclusive and will set aside free to low-cost tickets for folks who request them. To register for the event, visit Bostontheater.org/ror.

Edwards endorsed by UAW Region 9A, Iron Workers Local 7, and Mass. State Council of Machinists

Staff Report

Lydia Edwards has been endorsed in the special election to State Senate by: the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, UAW Region 9A; International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental & Reinforcing Iron Workers Local 7; and the Massachusetts State Council of Machinists. Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. General Election Day is January 11, 2022.

“We are excited to endorse one of our own members, Lydia Edwards, for the First Suffolk and Middlesex Senate Seat,” said Beverly Brakeman, Regional Director for UAW Region 9A. “Beginning with her amazing work at Greater Boston Legal Services, under UAW Local 2320, to her time in the Boston City Council, Lydia has always been a champion of working people. Lydia’s focus on progressive values and her inclusive style of leadership is what has made her so successful. Lydia cares deeply about the issues we advocate for every day – the right to organize, worker protections, affordable housing, food security, healthcare, and more. We know that Lydia will push back against the system and address every issue through a lens of equity, justice, and transpar-

ency. UAW Region 9A will stand behind Lydia all the way to the State House.”

“Residents of Boston and all of Massachusetts’ cities and towns are finding it difficult to make ends meet in this global economy and troubling times,” said Daniel McWilliams, President of Iron Workers Local 7. “We know that Lydia understands our views and will continue in that same manner protecting the working families of tomorrow. We need more people like Lydia that are willing to do the hard work required, such as bringing people together to have challenging conversations.”

The Massachusetts State Council is part of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, representing more than 1,500 machinists in Greater Boston. The State Council of Machinists voted unanimously to endorse Lydia Edwards, saying of Lydia:

“The Executive Board members of the Massachusetts State Council of Machinists feel that you are the one candidate in the race that will represent the issues and challenges that are facing the working families of our Union and those in Massachusetts. Thank you for demonstrating to us that you have the ambition and courage to stand up for working people. We fully support you in your campaign.”

The UAW Region 9A proud-

ly serves over 30,000 active and retired members in all the New England states, New York City, and Puerto Rico. Their membership is very diverse, includ-

ing legal aid attorneys and staff, technical and office professionals, childcare workers, graduate student workers and postdoctoral researchers, auto repair tech-

nicians, museum and cultural institution workers, draftsmen and women, light manufacturing workers, casino dealers and more.

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Please call Boston City Hall hot line before the announcement at 2:30 tomorrow at 617-635-4500 and Mayor’s office 617-635-3151 and let Mayor Kim Janey know you are angry and will not stand by and allow Columbus and Italians to be dismissed and disrespected. You can also e mail her at [\[boston.gov\]\(http://boston.gov\) opposing any replacement of Columbus day in Boston on the second Monday of October each year. Press Contact Diane Modica 617-835-8484.](mailto:mayor@</p>
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Statement of Mass. Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America President Denise Furnari and Commission for Social Justice Chair Diane Modica.



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Police arrest Boston man after seven-hour standoff in the South

By John Lynds

It was a wild day in the South End Tuesday with streets shut down, Emerson College students told to avoid the area and a large police presence as authorities dealt with an hours-long standoff with an armed suspect.

Police eventually peacefully arrested Ernest Fields, 37 of Boston, who was wanted for armed robbery and recovered a loaded firearm. Fields was booked on several gun charges.

The incident began at 10 am when Boston Police received reports of a man with a gun

on Albany Street between East Berkeley Street and Malden Street.

Police responded to the area and surrounded Fields in a park, shut down streets in the area and called in the SWAT team.

Fields was finally taken into custody around 5 pm after police

negotiators brought Fields' family to the park to convince him to surrender and was taken to an area hospital for a mental health evaluation.

"I can't say enough about the job our officers did today," Boston Police Superintendent and Chief Gregory Long told report-

ers after the standoff. "It's been a long day. The patience, the time they utilized, the restraint and de-escalation tactics they used to turn an extremely dangerous situation into one with a peaceful ending without serious injury to anybody is incredible."

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New England, Cornish said. If the approval passes, it would be in perpetuity for any subsequent owner of the property.

"This is a property of personal interest to me," said Councilor Kenzie Bok, as the home that she grew up in and where her parents still live is just a few doors down. Bok has also supported historic preservation throughout her tenure as a city councilor, and said she is in support of this.

Cornish said that on February 9, 2021 the BLC recommended approval of the preservation agreement. Right now, Historic New England has five Preservation Restriction Agreements with properties in the City of Boston, and 116 overall throughout New England.

He said that the agreement would protect both facade and roof changes that are visible from a public way, which are also subject to approval by the Bay Village Historic District Commis-

sion (BVHDC), as well as the whole exterior of the building and "certain interior features."

Cornish then spoke about some of the history of the building, saying that it was built between 1840 and 1841 for "a local mason named Howell Matson." Cornish added that Bay Village is "unique" in that many of its early residents were involved in building trades.

Inside the building, the Preservation Restriction Agreement would protect woodwork, door hardware, staircases, fireplaces, the parlor doors, floorboards, and other woodworking, as well as the pressed tin ceiling (though it is not original) and facade features such as the tunnel that connects Melrose St. to the garden and the rear of the property.

If this agreement is approved, in order for the owner to make changes to the building, they must work with Historic New England to get approval. Kitch-

ens and bathrooms are exempt from the agreement.

Councilor Flynn asked how the owner should go about making emergency repairs to the building, such as dealing with a leaky roof.

Cornish said that the agreement requires "certain insurance requirements" to ensure that repairs will be able to be paid for. In the case of a leaky roof, the owner will have to submit an application to the BVHDC, and the building permit can be approved, "but they will separately have to go to Historic New England to seek a similar emergency repair," he said.

Flynn also asked for some "guidance on pest control issues," to which Cornish said he didn't recall any applications regarding pest control in Bay Village, though there have been some in the Back Bay, which also has a historic district.

"We routinely work with property owners to address that issue," he said.

Councilor Bok said that she does not think that "we as a city government are going to reach inside necessarily" when it comes

to jurisdiction over historic buildings, so she believes private agreements like this one are helpful for preserving those interior elements, though the "goal is to not have an independent council hearing on each one," she said.

Cornish said that "the best thing we can do is publicize these as much as we can." The BLC puts out a quarterly newsletter which does include articles about Preservation Restriction Agreements when they are reached.

For additional outreach, the BLC runs social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter that "publicize the good work that we do," Cornish said, adding that he wants to thank the City Council for their support of the BLC's work.

"I think we're doing a good job," Foley said. She also said that the BLC is working to increase its staff and eventually wants to be able to go into neighborhoods and chat with neighbors about the work of the BLC and answer any questions people may have.

During the public comment period, Carissa Demore spoke on behalf of Historic New England,

saying that discussions for this agreement began "15 or 20 years" ago with the parents of the current owner.

She said of the 116 current Preservation Restriction Agreements, "we take that responsibility seriously." She said it's a "small, slow growing program," and only a few properties reach these agreements each year.

Demore said that in order to reach these agreements, the owner must make a "significant financial contribution to Historic New England" to ensure the financial resources are there as well as to endow a legal reserve in the case that the agreement is not followed.

"It is a huge ask of owners to endow these agreements, she said, but she said that Historic New England does not "often get to protect the more working class side of history," as is the case with the Howell Matson House.

Flynn said that he will "coordinate" with Councilor Wu "and present this before our body sometime very soon" for a vote.

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The City of Boston ("the City"), acting by the Chief of the Health and Human Services, hereinafter referred to as the Official, invites sealed bids for the performance of the work generally describe, and particularly set forth in the Invitation for Bids: Coordinate and facilitate with the Community-Led Design Group to meet the charge of designing an alternative model to respond to mental health crises to be submitted to the Mayor.

The bid documents will be accessible on line from Monday October 04, 2021 through Friday October 29, 2021 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website and Supplier Portal at the following link (<http://boston.gov/procurement> and accessing the event ID #EV00009747.

All sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than 4:00 pm on Friday October 29, 2021 by logging onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above event number.

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance and performance bonds as may be applicable.

Sealed bids shall be opened electronically by the Official on Friday October 29, 2021 at 4:00 PM. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation to bid will **commence on or about November 15 and will end on June 30, 2022.**

Marty Martinez, Chief of Health and Human Services
(October 4, October 11, October 18, October 25, 2021)

City of Boston announces increased accessibility of voting ahead of November 2 election

Staff Report

The City of Boston Election Department on October 15 announced steps to increase accessibility of voting ahead of the November 2 general election. Additionally, City of Boston ballot drop boxes are now available, and early voting will run Saturday, October 23 - Friday, October 29 at various locations throughout Boston.

Accessible Electronic Voting System

The City of Boston has implemented an Accessible Electronic Voting System, which will provide voters with accessible electronic vote by mail ballots for the upcoming general election on November 2, 2021. Boston voters with print or visual disabilities may now request, receive, and return an accessible electronic ballot. The Accessible Electronic Remote Voting System is compatible with screen readers, allowing voters who are blind or low vision to participate in the vote-by-mail and absentee voting programs privately and independently.

The Accessible Electronic Remote Voting System was established by an agreement between the City of Boston, the Boston Center for Independent Living, Bay State Council of the Blind, and the Disability Law Center. The terms of this agreement require the City of Boston to establish and implement an accessible vote-by-mail ballot system for qualified voters with disabilities for the November 2, 2021 general election and every election through December 31, 2025.

The City's Accessible Electronic Voting System includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Accessible forms that enable Boston voters with visual and print disabilities to apply to participate in the Electronic Remote voting system

- An accessible vote-by-mail ballot request form that allows Boston voters to self-certify that they have a disability which prevents them from completing a paper ballot privately and independently

- An accessible ballot

- An accessible means of ballot certification that is electronically

fillable and submissible and permits use of a typed name or other proof of identity or credentials as a substitute for a hand-written signature

- A web based platform or other accessible mechanism that allows qualified voters to electronically cast their vote

"The creation of this electronic vote by mail system shows the City's commitment to accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities," said Boston's Disability Commissioner Kristen McCosh. "It is compatible with screen readers and other text-to-speech software, allowing voters to easily navigate the application and independently complete the form fields."

To obtain an accessible ballot, qualified voters must:

1. Apply through our online portal by clicking here or;

2. Complete and email the forms currently available –

3. 2021 Vote-by-Mail Application (<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/2021-Vote-by-Mail-Application.pdf>)

4. Absentee Ballot Application (<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/>)

[elepdf/absentee/English-Absentee-Ballot-Application.pdf](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/absentee/English-Absentee-Ballot-Application.pdf); and

5. Send a written request for an accommodation. The voter's request for an accommodation should explain that they need access to the Accessible Remote Voting System in order to vote privately and independently because they are unable to effectively access a standard print ballot due to a disability. This written request can be sent via email.

Once the voter's application for an accessible electronic ballot is approved, the voter will receive a secure login and credentials to access the electronic ballot. Voters will be able to mark their votes independently and privately, and then submit the ballot via a secure delivery system using the secure login credential provided through the Accessible Remote Voting System. To assist with navigating the new system or to troubleshoot any issues voters may have when casting their accessible electronic ballot, voters may contact absenteevoter@boston.gov.

Qualified voters with disabilities may request an accessible ballot using the online request

forms. If they requested a mailed ballot but have not returned it, a voter can request a new accessible ballot online.

Voters may request the accessible vote-by-mail ballot through using this link or by emailing absenteevoter@boston.gov. The deadline to request a vote by mail ballot is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

Ballot Drop Boxes

Voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots or absentee ballots must have their signed ballot returned to the Boston Election Department by 8:00 p.m. on November 2. Voters can track the status of their vote-by-mail ballots here. Vote-by-mail ballots can also be returned to the Election Department by dropping it off at any of the 20 drop boxes located around the City of Boston.

Early Voting

Voters registered in Boston can vote early in person at any of the early voting sites from Saturday, October 23 through Friday, October 29, 2021.

NEWS BRIEFS

BPDA BOARD APPROVES MIDTOWN HOTEL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Boston Planning & Development Agency approved the planned redevelopment of the former Midway Hotel into a 10-story apartment building.

Newtown-based National Development intends to enter into a 99-year lease with the First Church of Christ, Scientist, to rent the former hotel at 220 Huntington Ave., which dates back

to the 1960s and currently serves as off-campus dormitory provisions for Northeastern University, and to build there an as-of-right, mixed-use project comprising 325 rental units, 48 of which would be affordable; 17,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space; and 153 below-grade parking spots.

'FALL-O-WEEN CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL' COMING OCT. 22 TO THE COMMON

Acting Mayor Kim Janey and

the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor its 'Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival' at the Boston Common Parade Ground (near the corner of Beacon and Charles streets) on Friday, Oct. 22, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Adults and children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in a wide range of fun and spooky family activities. Test your skills and courage to find your way out of the Haunted Fun House Maze, hop on the train hosted by Cabot Creamery Co-operative, and make your way over to our glow

in the dark play space for some nighttime fun featuring LED illuminated swings, seesaws, and cornhole. Join LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston to build a LEGO® pumpkin for our pumpkin patch and learn how to build spooky creatures with Lego Master Model Builder, Sean. Enjoy exciting acts from the Boston Circus Guild with performances by an aerial artist and stilt walker between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

This free family-friendly event will also include glow-in-the-dark games, children's crafts, scarily delicious snacks and

refreshments provided by Cabot Cheese, Dunkin', and HP Hood LLC. Join Harvard University's Stress & Development lab for fun games focused on learning about the brain and how we think. A monster mash of activities will include a visit from the Massachusetts Horticulture Society, the Mass. Audubon Society, an art activity with the Mayor's Mural Crew, and other fun fall and Halloween activities.

For more information, visit <http://ow.ly/uqDI50GfyvQ>.

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COMMEMORATION COMMISSION (from pg. 1)

torically significant structures in the city; and staging future events that drive attention and tourism to Boston by promoting one of the city's strengths – its rich history.

In her ordinance, Councilor Bok outlined a list of more than 30 potential committee members to be appointed by the Mayor with approval from the City Council, including stakeholders representing tourism-related Boston businesses, members of various neighborhoods and communities in the city; nonprofits;

experts in various immigrant and LGBTQ histories in the city; a member of the National Parks Service; and representatives from the Boston Public Library and various city agencies, as well as a City Councilor appointed by the mayor, among others. The committee would also comprise various subcommittees, which would include, but not be limited to: Events and Trails; Timelines, Exhibits, and Curricula; and Legislation and Preservation Tools.

City Councilor Ed Flynn voiced his support for the pro-

posed Commemoration Commission.

"I support trying to bring people together to tell the important history of Boston and celebrate the immigrant roots in Boston, some of which have never been told," said Councilor Flynn, who added he believes the commission could provide an opportunity to bring people together and unite neighborhoods across the city, as well as to potentially create a "pathway for young people to study history and our immigrant roots."

David Leonard, president of

the Boston Public Library, said he endorsed the process moving forward, while Joe Bagley, the city's archeologist, also expressed his interest in serving on the commission.

Thomas Green, vice president of the Massachusetts Tribe at Ponkapoag, also said he wanted to be the spokesperson for his organization on the commission.

"I want to bring history of Massachusetts tribe to the many people who don't know about the Massachusetts, and want to bring to light historic events, as

well as other indigenous group that have been marginalized" said Green.

Councilor Bok said she is encouraged by the positive reception that the proposed Commemoration Commission has so far received, and that the language, as well as specifics of the proposed subcommittees, would likely be hammered out during an upcoming working session.

"Timelines will catch up fast," she said. "We want to move thoughtfully, but swiftly, to get things going."

Councilors Bok and O'Malley pass an order for a zoning code amendment to remove parking minimums for affordable projects

Staff Report

At the most recent Boston City Council meeting, the Council passed "An order regarding a text amendment to the Boston zoning code with respect to parking minimums for affordable housing." The order was introduced by Councilors Bok and O'Malley. The amendment would remove parking minimums for affordable residential developments where at least 60% of the units are income-restricted at 100% Area Median

Income (AMI) or below.

Often, affordable, senior, and supportive housing developments are delayed, stalled, or reduced in size due to lawsuits on the basis of parking. Just recently, several developments with broad community support have been delayed or stopped due to frivolous lawsuits connected to their pursuit of variances to official parking minimums. Back on September 18th, advocates from Mass Senior Action, City Life / Vida Urbana, Abundant Housing MA, and other local resident

groups protested one such property in Jamaica Plain, where 38 units of affordable senior housing are held up by such a lawsuit. This zoning amendment would eliminate the use of parking minimums as a bad-faith tactic for stalling such affordable housing, while still allowing the right amount of parking for each affordable housing project to be determined on a case-by-case basis through the project review process.

"We know that every unit lost due to delay or the cost of

unnecessary, mandated parking is a lost housing opportunity for someone who badly needs it," said Councilor Bok. "It's time to make sure we are putting homes for people first and doing away with parking minimums that don't reflect our current needs." A study by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council found that the current parking minimums in the City of Boston are largely outdated and produce parking that goes unused.

"The need to build affordable housing in Boston has never been

more vital, with half of Boston's renters being rent-burdened," said Councilor O'Malley. "Eliminating parking minimums is an impactful and commonsense policy solution that can provide transformative relief for affordable housing builders."

Having received City Council approval, the proposal will next proceed to consideration by the Board of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and then the Boston Zoning Commission.

Essaibi George announces updated plan for Mass and Cass

Receives official endorsements from SEIU 888, SENA 9158, and Councilor Baker

Staff Report

Amongst frontline workers, labor unions representing city workers, and local leaders, At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi George on October 17 released an updated policy plan outlining immediate actions to tackle the devastation at Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard (Mass and Cass) if elected Mayor of Boston. In the plan, Essaibi George calls for a Public Health Emergency Zone for the Mass and Cass area to create a special, singular district for streamlined service delivery and increased capacity for responsiveness.

During the announcement on Southampton Street, Essaibi George received new endorsements from SEIU 888 and SENA 9158, which represent thousands of city workers on the frontlines of Mass and Cass, and District 3 City Councilor Frank Baker, whose district includes parts of the Mass and Cass area. They joined the Massachusetts Nurses Association, Boston EMS Union, and AFSCME 93, all who have previously endorsed Essaibi George's candidacy, to underscore their commitment to address this crisis through

a coordinated, multifaceted response alongside an Essaibi George Administration.

"I have the relationships, the knowledge, the experience to tackle Mass & Cass on Day One. You cannot say the same about Michelle Wu. This is not an issue you can tackle from afar. It requires a presence and firsthand understanding. It requires tough decisions and action, not more stalling. It requires collaboration and partnership with those on the ground doing the work day in and day out," said Essaibi George. "Mass and Cass has received a lot of attention during this race, and that's a good thing. But I have one, honest question: Will the attention still be here on November 3? I'm here to say very loudly and clearly that under an Essaibi George Administration, yes it will. My work in this space reflects that."

"SEIU Local 888 represents many of the Boston city workers who are working on the frontlines of Mass and Cass. We know that to better this city it's not enough to sit in the Mayor's Office and avoid the hard truth. We need a Mayor that shows up and does so without fanfare—that person is Annissa Essaibi George," said Thomas McKeever, President of SEIU Local 888. "This plan demonstrates Annissa's commitment to leading with those doing the work and we're proud to be with her in this race."

"Like so many other areas

in the City of Boston, when it comes to addressing the public health crisis at Mass and Cass we simply can't wait for the next Mayor to spend her time familiarizing herself with the issues before she gets to work," said District 3 City Councilor Frank Baker. "Annissa knows this area, the people, and the partners we need to bring in. She is the only candidate who is ready to take immediate action on Day One to end this devastation. I'm so proud to stand with her today and to support her in this race."

"SENA 9158 is proud to endorse Annissa Essaibi George for Mayor. Our members are there at Mass and Cass, and Annissa is the partner we need to fight for safe working conditions and ensure decisions are made in collaboration with those doing the work," said Joseph Smith, President of Salaried Employees of North America (SENA) 9158.

Throughout her time on the Council, Essaibi George has been a leader on the issues of homelessness, mental health, and substance use disorder. She founded the Committee on Homelessness, Mental Health and Recovery in 2016 with the goal of spotlighting these three specific issues, and has continued her advocacy in this space.

Essaibi George turned this advocacy into action, sponsoring the first ever Needle Take Back Day in the City of Boston, passing an ordinance to cre-

ate 100 additional sites for safe needle disposal, securing funding to increase the number of B.E.S.T clinicians that support residents during a mental health crisis, and creating the first Special Commission to End Family Homelessness in the City of Boston through her ordinance which was unanimously passed by the Boston City Council.

Essaibi George released a policy plan focused on tackling the citywide opioid epidemic in April. That plan has been updated to reflect her various conversations with those not only doing the work at Mass and Cass, but with lived experiences in this space.

OVERVIEW OF MASS & CASS PLAN

The full plan will be available and uploaded on www.annissafortboston.com.

The city of Boston continues to be the primary destination for support services for individuals in recovery, and because of this, continues to bear the burden of this crisis. The concentration of recovery services at Mass and Cass alone has caused our resources to reach their breaking point. Decisive, urgent action and a regional response is desperately needed to address this public health crisis, repair the continuum of care, and help individuals access recovery.

While Annissa has focused much of her work on the City Council around the issues of mental health, substance use disorder and homelessness, the powers that come with the Mayor's Office allow for more effec-

tive and efficient action on day one.

As Mayor, Annissa will immediately direct the Boston Public Health Commission to declare a Public Health Emergency within a one mile radius of the intersection of Mass and Cass. This will allow for a streamlined response from first responders and city agencies, as well as better service delivery and improved capacity for responsiveness. The zone will be overseen by a Mass and Cass Czar who will report directly to the Mayor's Office, and work in partnership with city and state agencies on a coordinated response. The Czar will also be tasked with decentralizing services from Mass and Cass to affect long-term, sustainable change, reopening the comfort station that was available to individuals during the pandemic, and convening a Harm Reduction Working Group to evaluate harm reduction strategies, including everything from availability of naran to safe injection facilities.

Annissa will also direct a portion of the federal funding coming to Boston to implement a Public Health Surge at Mass and Cass. This would include a multi-day, coordinated effort between several city, state, and private agencies to provide direct services to individuals in need. Services could include: medical and wound care, dental care, hygiene services, eye exams/glasses, an opportunity for reunification, referral for additional services, and an immediate opportunity to enter detox with the promise of a recovery bed.

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South End projects approved, deferred, and withdrawn at ZBA

By Lauren Bennett

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) met virtually on October 19, where several projects in the South End were discussed; one was approved, one was deferred, and one withdrew.

At 23 East Concord St., the proposal was to build two new

balconies supported by brackets on the rear of the building at the third and fourth floors. The balconies are to project six feet from the building.

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services was in support of the proposal, and the ZBA reported that they had received a letter of support from the

Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association.

The ZBA voted to approve the construction of the balconies.

At 661-661A Tremont St., where the proposal is to build an addition in the rear as well as a headhouse with no occupancy change, applicant James Christopher said that the plans have been

refiled with the city's Inspectional Services Department (ISD). He added that because of that, "we'd like to meet with the neighbors one more time and come back to the board for a hearing."

The ZBA voted to defer the application and the new hearing for this proposal will be on December 7 at 11:30am.

At 215 West Newton St., the proposal is to change the occupancy from a multi family building to a lodging house, which is a conditional use. The ZBA reported that they had received a letter of withdrawal from the applicant, so the proposal was denied without prejudice.

SALON MONET (from pg. 1)

only African American woman-owned hair salon on Newbury Street, Salon Monet services a diverse clientele which includes many celebrities.

Palleschi said in addition to Mendes's strength and success as a businesswoman, she is often feted for her contributions to the community which range from a major hair show fundraiser to draw attention to Newbury Street businesses and benefit the Women's Lunch Place shelter on Newbury to volunteering at Suffolk County House of Corrections to help incarcerated women with interviewing skills that will help them gain employment upon release.

"On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Governor Charlie Baker, I am thrilled to present to Shellee Mendes, founder and owner of Salon Monet, this Citation of Appreciation in honor of her tireless work to establish and continue for 20 years a thriving business in the heart of Boston as well as her commitment day in and day out to helping those in need and giving back to the community," said Palleschi. "We are all fortunate to have Shellee Mendes and Salon Monet in our lives and in our Commonwealth. I am privileged to present Salon Monet with this award."

Mendes was previously honored with the coveted TARGET award at the 2019 Massachusetts Conference for Women and with the Main Streets Small Business Award from the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, as well as many other accolades. She has been spotted with Oprah on a cruise ship and often serves celebrity clients. Sought after for public appearances, Mendes is a major force in Boston's charitable giving community.

"I am so humbled and hon-

ored to receive this award," said Mendes. "Founding and owning Salon Monet and seeing it grow over the years has been a joy and the fulfillment of all the dreams I had as a child of the projects who sought a better life for herself and her children. I thank Undersecretary Palleschi and Governor Charlie Baker and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from the bottom of my heart for this honor. My mission is to continue to live up to the expectations of all those who have faith in me, in Salon Monet, and in the work we are all doing to build a better future for children and families in Massachusetts and beyond."



Shellee Mendes, founder/owner of Salon Monet is joined by her staff of stylists and other supporters as she receives the Commonwealth's Certificate of Appreciation from Massachusetts Undersecretary Edward A. Palleschi on October 13,

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Poppy enjoys visiting the festivities with her human Amanda Emtee.



Gisela Griffith with her grandson Mitchell.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The St Botolph-er Fest was held by the St Botolph Street Neighborhood Association to celebrate Autumn but also to give the community a chance to catch up after being isolated from the Covid pandemic. It was a successful re-mixer with food, beverages, music, historical information, and neighborhood fun.



Karen Hiller and David Lowney.



Amanda Sload and Jose Moros Obregon.



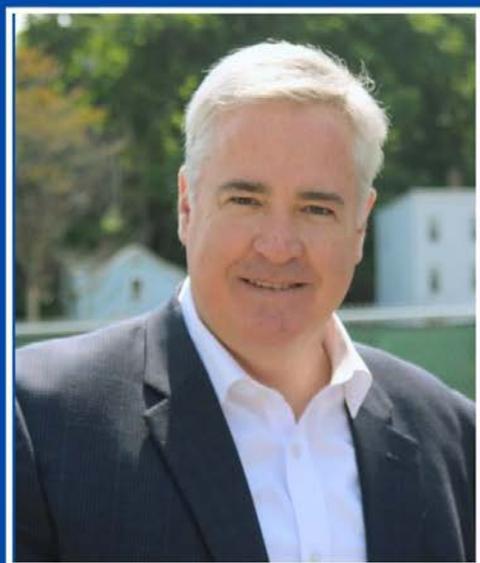
Peter and Ellen Fitzpatrick at the registration desk.



Courtney and Ben Allen take in the history of the St Botolph Street Neighborhood presented on the wall at Titus Park.

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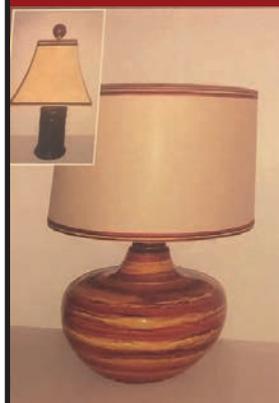
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NABB

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the young trick-or-treaters who will be arriving at their doors.

NABB's Halloween celebration dates back between five and 10 years, said Baker, although the event wasn't held last year, since no other neighborhoods were closing streets for trick-or-treaters due to covid concerns. This year, however, Baker said, "Things have relaxed a lot since last year, and we felt that neighbors could maintain distance out on street and have safe trick or treating this year."

Still, the traditional party at the Clarendon Street Playground won't be held this year, said Baker, "because we were worried about the crowds, and with kids still unvaccinated, we didn't think it would be prudent."

NABB is seeking volunteers to help with the street closings; email info@nabbonline.com to lend your help to the event.

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Unofficial neighborhood historian Dan D'Heilly (far right) shows Geoff Austein-Miller, Rebecca Gilbert, and Anastasiya Yanusheuskaya some details of the church buildings around them.



Willie and Irene Horne.



Geoffrey and Lincoln Hyatt with Maple (center).



St Botolph Street Neighborhood Association President Joan Carragher (center) watches as her granddaughter Addie Maddox fist-bumps Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn.

Shown to the right, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn, Councilor and Mayoral Candidate Michelle Wu (far right) with St Botolph Street Neighborhood Association board members Gisela Griffith, Claire Dargan who is babysitting her neighbor's dog Milo, Kathy Enright, Joan Carragher, and Adel Habib.



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Back Bay barber shop expands to second location in Dedham amid pandemic

By Dan Murphy

After a successful first decade in business, in the Back Bay, Abdou Benouardia, was looking forward to opening his second location of his Anfa Barber Shop in Dedham when the pandemic struck and changed everything for him.

Benouardia, who had previously worked at barber shops in Wellesley and Brighton, opened Anfa at 33 Gloucester St in 2010. He settled on the Back Bay as the ideal neighborhood to open his own men's barber shop, he said, because of its heavy foot traffic, which brings increased exposure to tourists and students.

His hunch proved correct, and

business grew steadily at Benouardia's barber shop to the point where he soon had three other barbers working for him there.

But when covid came, all three of his employees went on unemployment and have yet to return to work, even though Benouardia has reached out to them and asked them to return to work on multiple occasions.

Even if they did come back, though, Benouardia, who now divides his time working as the sole barber for both his Back Bay and Dedham locations, said there is little assurance there would be enough customers to go around.

And while Benouardia said he sometimes has to turn away patrons from his Back Bay loca-

tion, his income there is still only about half of what it was before the pandemic.

Dedham, however, is a different story. "Some days, it's dead," said Benouardia, who added that the Back Bay shop is now what's keeping his second location afloat.

"There's not enough cash flow - it's hard for me," he said. "That's my challenge now."

Anfa's plans for a second barbershop had been in the works for about a year and a half when he signed a five-year lease for the space at 702 Legacy Place in Dedham, which opened Oct. 2, 2020.

Like his Back Bay location, the Dedham barbershop has four barber's stations, but the space is slightly larger at about 575 square feet, compared with around 560 square feet on Gloucester Street.

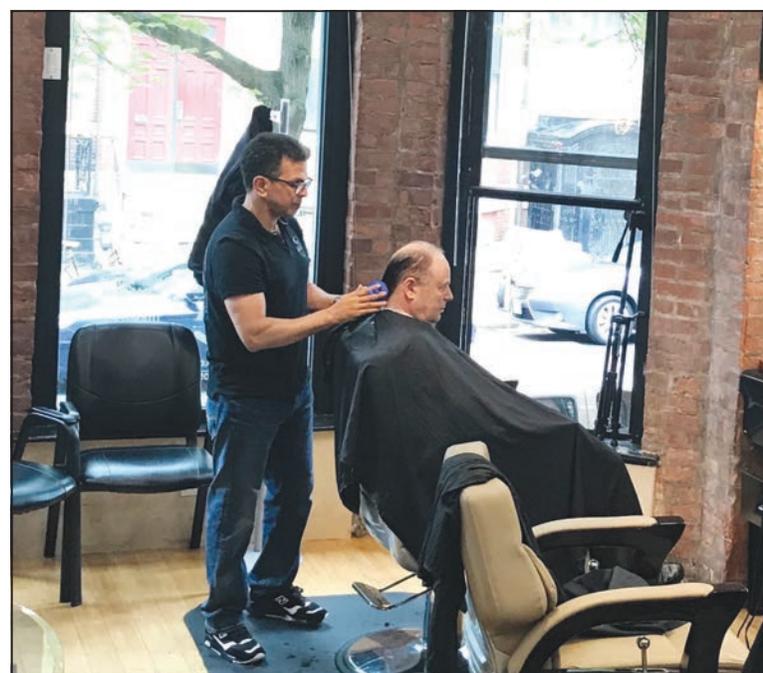
Today, Benouardia typically works 11 or 12 hours a day, splitting his time between his two barber shops. In pre-pandemic times, he worked eight-hour days, six days a week, never on Sundays, but even so, it's better than last summer when addition to working as the sole employee of both of his barbershops, he also restored to driving an Uber to make ends meet.

While Benouardia did receive some money from the federal Paycheck Protection Program, it didn't go far since his landlord in the Back Bay offered him no reductions or flexibility during this time.

The landlord for his Dedham location offered him some flexibility in paying rent, although they also didn't cut him any breaks.

Benouardia also pays \$420 a month for his parking space in the Back Bay - an expense that remained constant even when he had no clients coming to the Gloucester Street location, like last summer when the barbershop had nearly no customers between mid-June and that September. (Following an initial rush of customers after he was allowed to reopen on May 28, 2020, patrons stayed away largely - a decision Benouardia believes was largely motivated by fear.)

But despite the many obstacles he has encountered, Benouardia remains optimistic about the future.



Abdou Benouardia at work at Anfa Barber Shop on Gloucester Street.

"I see an improvement coming and a light at the end of the tunnel coming," he said.

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North End Rep. Aaron Michlewitz endorses Murphy for At-Large Council

Staff Report

House Ways and Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz, the North End Democrat who represents a block of neighborhoods at Boston's core, endorsed Erin Murphy's At-Large City Council campaign on Monday, saying her election would be a victory for working families across the city.

Representative Michlewitz – who also represents the Waterfront, Chinatown, South End, Downtown, Leather District, Bay Village, and portions of the West End, Beacon Hill and the Back Bay – said he had been impressed with Erin's work ethic and her eagerness to collaborate.

"I spend a lot of time with people across this great district, and I've seen Erin everywhere," said Representative Michlewitz.

"She shows up, she does the work, and she's exactly the type of city councilor we'll see even more of once she's in office. I'm looking forward to working alongside her as we advocate for the interests of every Bostonian."

Rep. Michlewitz's endorsement comes weeks before the November 2 election, when Erin will compete for one of four At-Large City Council seats, and as citywide grassroots support has been building. Her outreach has extended to every neighborhood in the city, the same energy she would bring to the City Council.

"We've all been lucky to have Chairman Michlewitz helping steer our state through some of the most trying times any of us can remember," Erin said. "And he still prioritizes constituent services, connecting with the people in the neighborhoods, and championing the needs of our city. I'm



At-Large Council candidate Erin Murphy and State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz.

honored by his endorsement and very much looking forward to collaborating on a whole host of issues about which we're both passionate."

Rep. Michlewitz has represented the Third Suffolk District since 2009, and has lived and worked in the neighborhoods he represents his entire life. In addition to the House Ways and Means Committee, the powerful budget-writing panel, Rep. Michlewitz has also served as Chair of the Committees on Financial Services, Public Service, and Election Laws, and as Chair of the Boston Legislative Delegation.

An active member of the community, Rep. Michlewitz was integral in successfully advocating for state funding for some of the largest employment services programs in Downtown Boston, including facilities at the Pine Street Inn and St. Francis House.

Erin's campaign has been gathering steam all year, with a string of high-profile endorsements and a surge in grassroots support and volunteerism across the city.

Erin Murphy endorsed by State Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez

Staff Report

Jeffrey Sanchez, the highest-ranking Latino leader in the history of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and a former Chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, is throwing his support behind Erin Murphy's candidacy to be Boston's next At-Large City Councilor.

Representative Sanchez, who represented Jamaica Plain and Mission Hill during his 16 years in the House, cited Erin's commitment to advocating for every neighborhood, her common-sense approach to policy solutions, and her ability to connect with residents across the city as reasons for his endorsement.

"Erin is a special kind of leader because she has walked in the shoes of the people she is seeking to represent," said Rep. Sanchez. "That's a quality that will allow her to bring people together once she is in office. She taught in the Boston Public Schools for 22 years. She raised her family in the city as a single mom. And she's been on the frontlines of the substance abuse and recovery crisis for a long time. She's ready to represent the whole city."

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At-Large Council candidate Erin Murphy with State Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez.

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"Receiving support from leaders like Chairman Sanchez is incredibly rewarding and says a lot about the campaign that we've built, because he was a model public servant," Erin said. "He led with both his heart and his head, always cared about the people in his neighborhood, and set an incredible example for the type of elected official I aspire to be."

Erin's campaign has been gathering steam all year, with a string of high-profile endorsements and a surge in grassroots support and volunteerism across the city. Erin has also been endorsed by, among others, US Representative Stephen F. Lynch, activist and mentor and former At-Large candidate Said Abdikarim, State Senator Nick Collins, State Representatives Dan Hunt, Michael J. Moran, Ed Coppinger, Dan Ryan, and David Biele, former

state Representative Carlo Basile, City Councilors Frank Baker and Ed Flynn, and former City Councilors Diane Modica, Sal LaMattina, and John Nucci, Register of Deeds Stephen J. Murphy, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 35, United Steelworkers Local 12003, Teamsters Union Local 25, AFSCME Council 93 (which represents Boston municipal employees), the Massachusetts Nurses Association, Boston Firefighters Local 718, Laborers Local 223, the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus, and Boston EMS.

A lifelong Dorchester resident, Erin has centered her campaign around being Boston's go-to call at City Hall.

Erin's vision for Boston and her campaign are built on her core beliefs:

-Thriving, best-in-class public schools for every student in every neighborhood

-A friendlier city for seniors, with a more compassionate policy focus

-Stronger outreach to veterans, out of respect for their service and supporting their needs

-Safer streets and policing across the City, prioritizing community policing

-A firm plan to relieve the crisis at Mass & Cass that respects all stakeholder

-Reducing income inequality by promoting good jobs for all Bostonians.



Virtual Public Meeting

Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

Monday, November 1
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/Nov2021RSMPOC
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 694 6863

Event Description

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. The committee meets monthly to discuss development and planning in Nubian Square. All meetings are held on zoom and open to the public. For more information, on how to Join, Engage, and Take Action, please visit the website.

Upcoming meetings/Próximas reuniones/Dat pwochen rankont yo se:

- Nov./Noviembre/Novanm 1
- Jan./Enero/Janvye 10
- Feb./Febrero/Fevriye 7

For interpretation services, contact the planner listed below one week before each meeting.

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FRIENDS OF PETERS PARK HOLD PETERS PARK BEAUTIFICATION DAY

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Friends Of Peters Park held their annual Peters Park Beautification day that brought together over 40 members of the community to pitch in and keep their neighborhood park vibrant for all. It was inspiring to see a diverse collection of neighbors work together for something that benefits everyone.



Trash collected indicating hard work paying off with a clean, vibrant park the neighborhood and city can enjoy.



Mary Chowdhury trims down some of the plants.



Pine Street Men's Inn sent in some help with Gaillard Dulierre, staff member Trevon Niles, and Drew Herman.

NEWS BRIEFS

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SOUTH END DOG COSTUME HALLOWEEN PARTY SET FOR OCT. 30 AT PETERS PARK

All dogs and dog owners are invited to the first annual

South End Dog Costume Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Joe Wex Dog Recreation Space on Washington Street at Peters Park.

The event will feature a JB Doggie Delights ice cream truck selling delicious homemade and dog-safe ice cream treats;

prizes for best dog costume and best dog owner costume; and Halloween cuteness and dog treats galore.

SOWA FIRST FRIDAY RETURNS NOV. 5

The SoWa Artists Guild has resumed its First Fridays and Second Sundays, when more than 90 artists at 450 Harrison Ave. in SoWa open their doors so you can meet the artists in person, view their new work created over the past year, plus you have

the opportunity to buy direct.

The next First Friday is Nov. 5 from 5 to 9 p.m., and the next Second Sunday is Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit <https://www.sowaartists.com/calendar/> for more information.

SOUTH END WALKING TOUR

Do you want to learn more about the fascinating history of our neighborhood? Would you like to find out more about the architecture that shaped our South End streets? Do you want to meet some neighbors as we investigate local lore?

The Ellis Neighborhood Association invites you to join a walking exploration of our area streets with a knowledgeable tour guide from Boston By Foot on Saturday, October 30 from 1:00-2:30 PM.

The South End was Boston's first big land-making project designed for new housing for Boston's growing upper class. It was based on an English plan, with lovely parks and squares framed by rows of houses. The layout and our South End homes

were inspired by Charles Bulfinch, the great architect of the Massachusetts State House.

To join the tour, register at <https://bostonbyfoot.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/bostonbyfoot/event.jsp?event=35714&>.

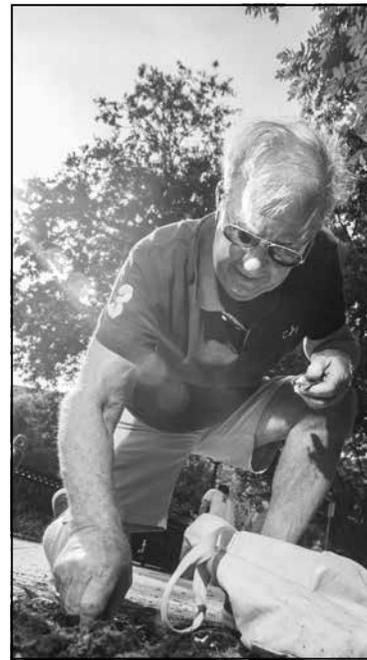
HALEY HOUSE CLOTHING DRIVE

Join us for the Ellis Neighborhood Association's Clothing Drive supporting Haley House!

Please help support our neighbors at Haley House by contributing to the clothing room at Haley House for the month of November. During the pandemic, there was an increase in the need for socks, underwear, and undershirts to be redistributed to the community.

Donations sought include new men's undershirts (sizes L + XL), new men's socks, and new men's underwear (sizes L+XL).

Donations can be dropped off at the BCA Plaza during the Pumpkin Patch on October 23rd from 3-4pm or at the Hingham Savings Bank on Tremont St. from October 25 to November 15.



Jim Wayman planting Tulip bulbs by the playground.



Kevin Knoblock collects dead plants.



Sue O'Leary bringing some daffodil bulbs to be planted.

FRIENDS OF PETERS PARK HOLD PETERS PARK BEAUTIFICATION DAY



Ambar and Mary (2nd from right) Chowdbury, Marija Strazdas, and Lee Santos.



Brian Soohy brings in a wheelbarrow of mulch.



Barbara Faires, Jess Rosenthal, Scott Ebner, and Jane Schenkel take a break for a quick photo.



Arthur Towns and his father Adam get some sweeping done in the playground.



Tim Fraser raking some grass in the ballfield.



Mark McPhee raking up the cut grass from the ballfield.



Tatiana Eckley co-owner at Epoc Studios pulling out some ferral plants.



Mike Longo and Jeff Oskwarek dig trench by the ballfield for a row of daffodils.

Biele backs Erin Murphy for City Council at-Large

Staff Report

State Rep. David Biele, who represents South Boston and parts of Dorchester, has endorsed Erin Murphy to be Boston's next At-Large City Councilor, praising her commitment to public safety and her heartfelt efforts to eradicate the scourge of substance abuse and addiction.

With less than a month before the November 2nd Municipal Election, Rep. Biele's support represents the latest sign of Erin's surging support across the city. United States Representative Stephen F. Lynch, State Senator Nick Collins, and City Councilor Ed Flynn -- all of South Boston -- have previously endorsed Erin's candidacy.

"Erin has proved both during her campaign and in her long history as a community activist that she is responsive, she is accessible, and she shows up," said Rep. Biele. "I know she will bring those same qualities to City Hall. And she is fiercely

devoted to ensuring that every neighborhood in our city is a safe neighborhood, and that we have enough resources to provide recovery services for those dealing with addiction. She has always been an independent voice and she will make a fantastic city councilor."

"People are looking for leaders who can understand what their lives are like," Biele added. "Erin taught in the Boston Public Schools for 22 years, has raised her family here as a single mother, and been an outspoken advocate for her neighborhood. That's the character and type of person we want to represent everyone across the city."

Erin finished a strong fourth in a crowded field of 17 in the September 14th Preliminary Election, and has continued to amass support in the weeks since. Her outreach has extended to every neighborhood in the city, the same energy she would bring to the City Council.

"Representative Biele has



State Rep. David Biele with candidate for City Council-at-Large Erin Murphy.

been an exemplary legislator and representative of South Boston and Dorchester, and I'm thrilled to have his support," Erin said. "We care about a lot of the same things: safer streets for our families and our seniors, an escalated government and private-sector response to the substance abuse crisis, and doing everything we can to say 'thank you' to our veterans."

The Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, Rep. Biele was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2018 and chosen by his colleagues earlier this year to chair the Boston delegation.

In addition to South Boston, Rep. Biele's district includes parts of Dorchester: Columbia Point, the Polish Triangle, and South Bay.

Edwards endorsed by Teamsters Local 122

Staff Report

Lydia Edwards has been endorsed by Teamsters Local 122 and Teamsters Local 25 in the special election to State Senate. Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. General Election Day is January 11, 2022.

"Teamsters Local 122 is proud to endorse the candidacy of Lydia Edwards to the Massachusetts Senate in the First Suffolk & Middlesex District. Local 122 has supported Lydia as a Boston City Councilor, where she has fought for the issues that benefit working families. Her commitment to these issues that make a difference for the better in workers' lives is needed in the State Senate. The residents of this district will be well-served by Lydia Edwards," said John F. Murphy, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 122.

"Lydia Edwards is a proven leader who always stands up for our members when greedy corporations are trying to expand profits at their expense," said Teamsters Local 25 President Sean M. O'Brien. "Lydia Edwards is a relentless public servant who will never stop fighting for better wages, health insurance, retirement benefits and improved working conditions. She also understands the importance of creating coalitions that provide access to job training and other neighborhood resources to help the working class that is too often forgotten

by our elected leaders. Teamsters Local 25 is proud and confident to endorse Lydia Edwards for Massachusetts Senate."

Lydia Edwards is a fierce advocate for workers' rights. In the Senate, she'll continue her strong record of passing legislation and delivering resources and results for working people. As a member of the United Auto Workers, Lydia knows the power of a union, but she also knows that every worker, organized or not, deserves dignity, fair compensation and freedom from harassment in the workplace. Lydia Edwards has stood with workers in the hospitality industry, service workers at Logan Airport, student workers in our higher education system, teachers, Brazilian immigrant workers and many others.

Lydia Edwards is a candidate for State Senate representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex District, following the departure of Senator Joseph A. Boncore. For a full and up-to-date list of endorsements, visit: LydiaEdwards.org/endorsements.

Councilor Lydia Edwards is a career advocate, activist, and voice on behalf of society's most vulnerable. She is currently the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Housing and Community Development in the Boston City Council. Learn more at LydiaEdwards.org/meet-lydia.

Painters and Allied Trades, Steelworkers Unions endorse Erin Murphy for Boston City Council At-Large

Two large unions whose members build and maintain our city, the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 35 and the United Steelworkers Local 12003, have endorsed Erin Murphy to be Boston's next At-Large City Councilor, adding to the strength Erin has demonstrated among working families as the November 2 election draws closer.

The two unions chose Erin's commitment to growing the middle class, fair wages and labor practices, and making Boston an affordable, inclusive city for all families in all neighborhoods.

"We can't imagine a better choice to represent our members' interests than Erin," said Roger Brunelle, Political Director of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 35 (IUPAT DC 35).

"She taught in the Boston Public Schools for 22 years, where she worked with many of our members, and she embodies our values. Erin's a hard worker with a natural empathy for working folks, and we know she'll bring that same ethic to City Hall."

"Erin raised her family in Boston as a single mother and she knows what matters to our members, because they're the same things that matter to her," said Danny O'Connell, President of the United Steelworkers (USW) Local 12003. "She's been a community advocate and a teacher, two skill sets we could use a little more of in our elected officials these days. Her efforts to reach out to every constituency in every neighborhood bode very well for the type of At-Large City Councilor she will be."

Erin finished fourth in a

crowded field of 17 in the September 14 preliminary election, and has continued to amass support in the weeks since, with a recent surge reflecting her city-wide appeal. Her outreach has extended to every neighborhood in the city, the same energy she would bring to the City Council.

"I'm so proud to receive the endorsements from IUPAT DC 35 and USW Local 12003, because I know how hard these folks work making Boston what it is," Erin said. "When I was a teacher in the Boston Public Schools, I was lucky enough to work alongside IUPAT members who were school custodians. Everyone knows you've got to be friends with the custodians! They're the people who keep our schools running, and it's very satisfying to have their support."



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Kui, Kin	Carter, Larissa	50 Berkeley St #7	\$690,000
Comm Unit 3 RT 120	Commonwealth Ave Rlty	120 Commonwealth Ave #3	\$3,300,000
Strauss, Denise S	Moo LLC	7 Fairfield St #1	\$2,300,000
Martirossian, Jasmine	Immobilair Santa	234 Marlborough St #2	\$1,160,000
Mugu Holdings LLC	Hrusovsky, Edward K	90 Marlborough St #7	\$7,150,000
Weisman, Hannah P	Richard B Greenberg RET	414 Beacon St #3	\$1,520,000
Dome View LLC	Harrington, Mark E	480 Beacon St #2	\$4,750,000
Zhang, Yixin	BRS Nation Realty LLC	511 Beacon St #2	\$350,000
BEACON HILL			
McAleer, Robert C	Mead, Franklin B	70 Brimmer St #202	\$460,000
Ioven, Mary C	Zuo, Hailiu	2 Hawthorne Pl #15R	\$569,000
Bilazarian, Seth D	3 Mt Vernon Square NT	3 Mount Vernon Sq #2	\$3,700,000
Mustapha, Mahmoud M	Oulidi, Nada	45 Province St #2N	\$1,485,000
Ritter, Seth	54R Riv St LLC	54-R River St #4	\$575,000
Dacosta, Luis A	JDMD Owner LLC	45 Temple St #408	\$2,575,000
Kumar, Nilesh	Martens, George	8 Whittier Pl #24A	\$640,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
ANZ Investments LLC	Litwin, Madison E	68 Appleton St #E	\$775,000
Herman, Gerald N	Biassonnette-Moes, Diane	505 Tremont St #415	\$2,275,000
ADZ LLC	Back Bay NT	21 Bay State Rd #21	\$1,750,000
Herrerros-Arregui, Alvaro	Allen, John C	3 Bradford St	\$2,580,000
Wan-Liu, Zhang	Zhao, Weiran	188 Brookline Ave #26E	\$2,000,000
Bergquist, Paul R	Baum, David W	75 Burbank St #505	\$490,000
Mendelson-Bryan, Meredith	Face Off Properties Inc	234 Causeway St #1004	\$1,107,500
Luo, Lisa Y	Galpin-Moorhead, Samuel	27 Concord Sq #4	\$945,000
Inde, Zintis R	Chinnaswamy, Nicaela	80-82 Fenwood Rd #903	\$191,604
DeLatorre, Stacy	Heng Song RET	492 Massachusetts Ave #61	\$691,000
Versage, Eve M	Purtell, Anna G	16 Miner St #409	\$720,000
Shen, Wei	121 Portland LLC	121 Portland St #708	\$860,000
Dundar, Damla	Gural, Demet	145 Saint Botolph St #36	\$1,115,000
Danussi, Carla	You, Jeewon	99 Tremont St #204	\$620,000
Spanos, Nicholas	Luby, Brendon D	43 Upton St #4	\$1,765,000
Storm, Peter Q	Allied Residences LLC	88 Wareham St #604	\$1,099,000
Foerster, Tristan A	Londono FT	1313 Washington St #103	\$1,570,000
Baker, Brett	Dang, Jacqueline L	1313 Washington St #409	\$749,000
Reale, Ann J	Martin, Marion R	1597 Washington St #503	\$860,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Gerstenberg, Eric	Lilly, Lori J	45-63 Atlantic Ave #11C	\$1,200,000
Sachs, Travis	C A White T 2017	50 Battery St #302	\$1,275,000
Dunham, Donald N	Nabhan, Alexander E	2-1/2 Battery Wharf #3306	\$1,350,000
East India Boston LLC	Price, Benjamin G	65 E India Row #6C	\$1,000,000
Duffy, Daniel	Sullivan, David A	120 Fulton St #2C	\$1,150,000
Frances-Cassidy, Barbara	Katherine E Whidden T	75 Fulton St #61	\$1,159,000

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BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The fire escape in the last clue is on 70 Marlborough Street, constructed in 1868. Charles Kirby designed and built the residence. The building was converted to ten apartments in 1947 and today those apartments are condominiums.

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



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2 AVERY STREET, UNIT 29EH
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42 CHAUNCY STREET, UNIT 8A
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 \$3,499,000



80 BROAD STREET, PH1101
 2 Beds | 2F 1H Baths | 1,516 SQFT
 \$1,399,000



333 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, UNIT 4
 2 Beds | 3 Baths | 1,552 SQFT
 \$1,950,000



10 ROWES WHARF, UNIT PH06
 4 Beds | 5F 2H Baths | 7,230 SQFT
 \$12,000,000