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Members of the Massachusetts 54th Company A historical group march up Tremont Street during the annual Boston Veterans Day Parade. See more photos on Page 8.

Leaders optimistic about city's future following November 2 election

By Dan Murphy

With the historic election on Nov. 2 ushering in a new era for Boston, some leaders are now looking optimistically to the city's future under new leadership.

"It was a great victory for Michelle Wu, who I think will do an incredible job as Mayor,"

said Rep. Jay Livingstone, who endorsed her for the position. "Her mandates spoke to not only the issues she raised on her campaign, but also to the great work she did on the Boston City Council. I think the City is in great hands and look forward to working with her in her new role."

Regarding the eight-way race

for the four City Councilor at-Large seats, Rep. Livingstone said, "I'm pleased that Michael Flaherty returned to the City Council as he has the most institutional knowledge on a body that's relatively new, and I'm very excited about Ruthzee Louijeune, who I endorsed to join the

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Volunteer Day set for Nov. 18 on the Esplanade

By Dan Murphy

Interested parties are being sought for #OptOutside Community Volunteer Day on the Esplanade on Thursday, Nov. 18, from 9 to 11 a.m.

A partnership between REI Co-op and the Esplanade Association, the Volunteer Day will involve cleaning up and removing litter from along the Esplanade's parkland and shorelines in honor of REI's #OptOutside initiative.

Michael Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Association, described the upcoming event as an "outgrowth" of the "multiple-years-long partnership between REI and the Esplanade Association aimed at outdoor recreation, as well as on park beautification."

REI, said Nichols, is "one of the leading companies, if not the leading company, in the country that sponsors events that are good for the environment on Black Friday, as opposed to hav-

ing events having a commercial focus on that day."

Nichols added, "They're really the first company to look to have people focus not on commercialization and on retail on Black Friday, but to support community events on that day and in the month of November, and this Volunteer Day with the Esplanade Association is a great partnership towards that goal."

Monika Bach, REI's region-

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Pie in the Sky fundraiser aims to raise more than \$750,000 this Thanksgiving

By Lauren Bennett

Community Servings is gearing up for its 29th annual Pie in the Sky fundraiser, which raises money for the organization to make and serve meals to chronically ill people across the state.

"Community Servings has been feeding critically ill residents of Massachusetts for 31 years, and during that time, for the past 29 years, we have hosted an annual Thanksgiving pie sale called Pie in the Sky, which offers people in the community the opportunity to buy a beautiful Thanksgiving pie and support our program to feed neighbors who have nowhere else to turn for their food this holiday season," Community Servings CEO David Waters told the Sun.

Whole Foods is sponsoring the fundraiser again this year, and will be selling "Pie in the Sky" pies across all of its Massachusetts stores from November 15

to November 30. A donation of \$5 from each of these pies will be made to Community Servings.

Despite the pandemic, the sale was held last year with some changes. More than 7,000 pies were distributed, bringing in more than \$640,000. Community Servings said this year it hopes to double the number of pies sold and raise more than \$750,000 towards its meal program.

"It probably won't be our largest year because of COVID," Waters said of this year's sale, as "we had to shrink the program for safety's sake."

Though the pandemic has presented many challenges, Community Servings volunteers found a way to still hold the fundraiser while keeping all participants safe. Last year, all pickup sites were outdoors, Waters said, and this year, there will be a mixture of indoor and outdoor locations.

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FENWAY CDC HOLDS GRAB-AND-GO EVENT ON BURBANK STREET



Wally The Green Monster makes new friends as he meets Emajyn, Chana, and Ramyus Peters with their companion Caution Harris (front) at the Fenway Community Development Corporations Grab-and-Go event. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7.

EDITORIAL

VETERANS DAY -- HONOR OUR VETERANS

It was 103 years ago on November 11, 1918, that World War I formally came to a conclusion on the “11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month.”

Americans observed the first anniversary of the end of the war the following year when the holiday we now know as Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day in 1919.

The first world war was referred to at the time as “the war to end all wars.” It was thought that never again would mankind engage in the sort of madness that resulted in the near-total destruction of Western Civilization and the loss of millions of lives for reasons that never have been entirely clear to anybody either before, during, or since.

Needless to say, history has shown us that such thinking was idealistically foolhardy. Just 21 years later, Hitler invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, and the world again became enmeshed in a global conflagration that made the first world war seem like a mere practice run for the mass annihilation that took place from 1939-45.

Even after that epic second world war, America has been involved in countless bloody conflicts in the 76 years since General Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender on the Battleship USS Missouri. and millions of our fellow Americans have fought and died in our nation’s numerous wars and military engagements since then.

“Peace is at hand” has been nothing but a meaningless slogan for most of the past 103 years.

Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day in 1954 so as to include those who served in WWII and the Korean War. All of our many veterans since then also have become part of the annual observance to express our nation’s appreciation to the men and women who bravely have answered the call of duty to ensure that the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been preserved against the many challenges we have overcome.

Although Veterans Day, as with all of our other national holidays, unfortunately has become commercialized, we urge our readers to take a moment, even if just quietly by ourselves, to contemplate the debt we owe to the veterans of all of our wars and to be grateful to them for allowing us to live freely in the greatest nation on earth.

If nothing else, Veterans Day should remind us that freedom isn’t free and that maintaining our freedom since our nation’s founding has required the personal sacrifice of the millions of our fellow Americans who have placed their lives on the line to preserve our ideals and our way of life.



GUEST OP-ED

Honor and Care for our Veterans

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

During World War II, on April 9, 1942, 75,000 United States soldiers and Filipino soldiers were surrendered to Japanese forces after months of battling in extreme-climate conditions.

Soon after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Japanese forces began the invasion of the Philippines. The capture of the Philippines was crucial to the Japanese. It would bring them one step closer to the control of the Southwest Pacific. The Philippines were just as important to the U.S. Having troops in the Philippines gave the U.S. footing in the Southwest Pacific. After the invasion of the Philippines, U.S.-Filipino troops defended the crucial lands.

These brave soldiers were responsible for the defense of the islands of Luzon, Corregidor, and the harbor-defense forts of the Philippines. They fought in a malaria-infested region, and survived on little portions of food. Some lived off of half or quarter rations. The soldiers lacked medical attention. U.S. medics did what they could to help their fellow soldiers. They fought with outdated equipment and virtually no air power.

The soldiers retreated to the Philippine Peninsula when Japanese forces were reinforced and overwhelmed the U.S.-Filipino soldiers.

On April 9, 1942, the U.S. and Filipino soldiers surrendered after seven months of battle combined with exposure to the extreme elements, disease, and lack of vital

supplies. The tens of thousands of U.S. and Filipino soldiers were forced to become prisoners of war to the Japanese. The soldiers faced horrifying conditions and treatment as POWs.

The soldiers were deprived of food, water, and medical attention, and were forced to march 65 miles to confinement camps throughout the Philippines.

The captive soldiers were marched for days, approximately 65 miles through the scorching jungles of the Philippines. Thousands died. Those who survived faced the hardships of prisoner of war camps and the brutality of their Japanese captors.

The POWs would not see freedom until 1945 when U.S.-Filipino forces recaptured the lost territory.

In 1945, U.S.-Filipino forces recaptured the Philippines and freed the captive soldiers who were suffering in the confinement camps. These soldiers would be impacted by the poor conditions of the camps and the mistreatment by their Japanese captors. About one-third of the prisoners died from health complications after they were freed. (The above information is from Bata-an.com).

My wife’s grandfather, Lyle C. Harlow, was one of the thousands who lived through the 65-mile march and almost four years as a prisoner of war. When he and the others who survived were freed, he came back to his wife in Kentucky who had also survived and a daughter born right after his departure overseas.

He returned broken, weighing less than a hundred pounds and had to rebuild his life essentially from zero.

Harlow like thousands of others, never received a dime from the United States government after his release from the military. He received some VA medical benefits and would later die in a VA hospital. Until the last few years the VA has been a very undesirable place for medical attention but there has been improvement in recent years.

He and so many others had to rebuild their lives with no help from our country. This makes it difficult to understand how our government can consider handing out thousands of dollars to illegals pouring into our nation. Do we just hand them the American dream simply because they made it across our border?

Most Americans are charitable people. We do more than any nation to help others. Yet, when our homeless Veterans are sleeping on America’s streets while shelters, medical insurance and even cash are made available for those who are unwilling to salute our flag, hate our culture and despise many of our values, then something is seriously wrong.

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ZBA approves 71 compact living units; four story addition at 595-603 Newbury St.

By Lauren Bennett

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) on Tuesday approved 71 compact living units and a four story addition on top of the existing three story building at 595-603 Newbury St. The application also includes a change of use from commercial to residential.

Attorney Jeff Drago said that the proponent is “seeking to erect a four story addition on an existing three story commercial structure,” and build 71 units. He said that the proposal was

approved by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) in July.

The building is located “across from the Mass Pike,” Drago said, and “has been idle for a number of years.”

He said that the proponent has provided more amenity space than is required by the compact living guidelines, including 2050 square feet of interior amenity space and 2,000 square feet outside, with picnic tables and both outdoor and indoor bike storage.

All units will be studios or

one bedrooms, and the building will feature a gym, storage for tenants, a bike repair station, a mail room lobby, a trash room, and more. The units range from a little over 300 square feet to a little over 500 square feet in size.

The roof does not include a deck, and there are no balconies on the building as part of this project. The units will be tailored towards “young professionals,” Drago said, and not to students. Nine of the units will be affordable and there will also be a “payout,” he said.

Kennedy Avery from City Councilor Kenzie Bok’s office said that the Councilor is “strongly in support” of this proposal, as executive suites have been removed and the streetscape will be improved in the surrounding area. She also said that the Councilor believes compact living units are fitting for the area given its proximity to public transit.

Molly Griffin from the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services said that the office is in support of the project, as was the

Carpenters Union and Kenmore Association President Pam Beale.

Dolores Boogdian, a resident of Park Dr., said that “I support housing in the city; we desperately need it,” but added that she is “not sure about these tiny little places for people,” as she isn’t sure about whether the proposal “encourages long term residency.”

The ZBA voted to approve the proposal with design review from the BPDA.

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Additionally, the fundraiser typically involves 200 to 300 volunteers in the same room, but that that could not be done this year. “Our committee of volunteers worked really hard to redesign the system to make moving 14,000 pies around the state work without any COVID risk,” Waters said. “We have very dedicated volunteers who have been doing this for years and years and they are determined, that despite the pandemic, the pie sale would continue.”

When a pie order is placed, the purchaser can decide where they want to pick it up on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Waters said he is especially excited about this year’s sale “because as a society, as a community, we’ve gone through

so much trauma and so many things in our lives,” but “to have something that celebrates the good of the community and the importance of Thanksgiving and the generosity of the community I think is so affirming. I think everybody who’s involved in Pie in the Sky really thinks about it as being part of their holiday tradition.”

Community Servings feeds more than 1700 people a day, so “donations are so important to our ability to continue to ensure that we can continue to deliver meals throughout this winter,” Waters said.

The pies are traditionally baked by more than 150 chefs, bakers, and restaurants in the Boston area, according to Community Servings, but because of

the challenges brought forth by the pandemic, they will all be baked by Boston Baking and 11 different restaurants this year. Pie choices include apple, pecan, or pumpkin, and each pie will cost \$30, which will pay for meals for one Community Servings client for a week. Pies need to be picked up at their pick-up site on November 23.

Pickup sites in the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and South End include the Copley Square Farmers Market, the Coldwell Banker location on Boylston St., the Whole Foods at the Charles River Plaza, and the Coldwell Banker location on Tremont St.

The restaurants that will be baking the pies this year are: Davio’s Northern Italian Steakhouse, Flour Bakery, Mistral,

Moos, Ostra, Grill 23 & Bar, Harvest, The Banks, America’s Test Kitchen, Basil Tree Catering, and Blue Frog Bakery

Other sponsors of this year’s Pie in the Sky are Big Foot Moving & Storage, Boston Baking, Coldwell Banker Cares, Digitas, Ligris & Associates, ScrubaDub Auto Wash Centers, State Street, and Tito’s Handmade Vodka.

Community Servings said that ScrubaDub will provide complimentary car washes to those “who support the Pie in the Sky Campaign with a ‘Pie for a Community Servings Client’ donation.”

Waters said of the fundrais-

er, “we joke that it’s the world’s greatest bake sale,” as it consists of many hands coming together in various ways, whether it be baking pies, selling pies, or working at one of the pickup sites.

“Everybody has a role to play and I think it ties back to really the meaning of Community Servings, which is the community serving the community,” he said. “I find it to be a high to see how many people care to participate in Pie in the Sky as part of their holiday tradition.”

For more information and to order a pie, visit www.pieintheskyl.org.

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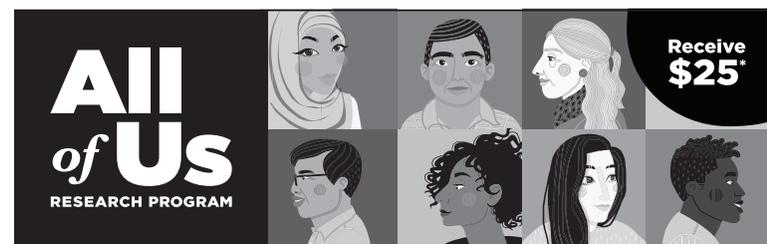
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SELDC provides more feedback for proposed building at 85 W. Newton St.

By Lauren Bennett

The South End Landmark District Commission (SELDC) heard a second advisory review for the new four story building proposed for 85 W. Newton St., which will be occupied by Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA) as the Villa Victoria Center for the Arts.

The architects for the project are STUDIO ENÉE architects and Ann Beha Architects, and IBA CEO Vanessa Calderón-Rosado also attended the hearing to listen to feedback and provide additional information. She said that the team is “grateful” for the feedback they received from the first advisory review.

Ann Beha from Ann Beha Architects said that several community meetings have been held regarding this design, including five SELDC staff reviews and the previous advisory review, along with nine community meetings and seven meetings with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

Beha also went over proposed

materials for the exterior of the building, which include a granite base, brick and terracotta masonry, a solid panel metal penthouse, a glass curtain wall, gray satin or matte mullions, glass rails and windows with working sashes, and a custom mural, according to a slide presented.

She said that key issues for this project include the “relationship to the South End’s architectural legacy,” as well as the building’s relation and response to W. Newton St. and the adjacent park, having a “base, middle, and top,” as well as “a balance of color, transparency, [and] solidity,” and “opportunities for distinction, identity, [and] contribution.”

A change in height has been made since the last advisory review from 70 feet, which is the allowable height, to 62 feet with a penthouse.

Beha also talked about the terracotta colored facade, which has been deepened to better fit within the context of the South End.

Natasha Espada of STUDIO ENÉE said that with the cadence of the building, the team is “trying to create a rhythm that is similar to other properties and other buildings in the South End.”

After some clarifying questions from Commissioners, they made comments on the proposal as it stands now.

Commissioner Catherine Hunt said that with the “base, middle, top” rhythm, “I guess the penthouse is serving as the top in the new concept. It appears in the middle section, which is comprised then of the second, third, and fourth stories, that the fourth story is larger and appears to be top heavy over the other two.”

Beha said that “as we’ve developed this, what we’re trying to do is also keep the building very light.” She said she agrees that the “proportion has to be studied more,” as well as do the windows, but it is “starting to come together at least in terms of consistency of the composition.”

Commissioner Fabian D’Sou-

za praised the design team for their addition of South End design elements, but brought up the side of the building that faces the park, specifically the windows.

“Our attention has been tremendously focused on the streetscape and on the park scape,” Beha said, and we have to look at these other pieces and I think we have to find their voice.”

Hunt thanked D’Souza for bringing up the windows in the corner of that facade, adding that “I think that adds to that feeling of that top floor being a little top heavy.”

Beha said that other options could definitely be explored for that, but she said that there is “something about its openness,” adding that it is “almost a bay window that’s illuminating.” She agreed that the “top heavy” comment is one the design team will take into consideration when refining details.

Commissioner John Freeman praised the team for their efforts and their seriousness when it

comes to addressing comments and concerns from the Commission.

“It’s very clear that you’ve thought very carefully about this,” he said, adding that he feels the team has included more South End elements “without losing the integrity of your concept.”

As Commissioner John Amodeo brought up before, Freeman said that “the typical vocabulary is ABC or ABB,” but he said that this does not always have to be followed so long as other elements are incorporated to make the building feel like it belongs in the neighborhood.

He said he does not feel as though the penthouse is enough of a top portion for the building because of the way it is set back, but “I think there are things that can be done to respond and to make that sense of the proportions as you rise, perhaps a little more in the South End vocabulary.”

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Council. I think that she will do a tremendous job based on her values and experience.”

Of Louijeune, Rep. Livingstone added, “She, as a first-time candidate, ran a fantastic cam-

paigned and expect high-quality leadership we saw on her campaign to transfer to the Council.”

While Elliott Laffer, chair of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, was neutral in

the race, he described the six candidates originally vying for the Mayor’s seat, including Rep. Jon Santiago, as “the strongest overall field I’ve seen in the 50 years I’ve lived here.”

Laffer, who has worked with Mayor-elect Wu on various issues over the years, described her as “very intelligent, very caring,” and “I find her to be very effective,” he added.

Laffer said, “I look forward to working with her as Mayor, and I’m confident that she will be a very effective Mayor. She has a good understanding of the issues affecting the Downtown neighborhoods, and that’s always helpful when we’re working to make things better for everyone.”

Regarding the City Council race, Laffer said, “Many of the City Councilors were among the most effective we had, and in general, the people coming in

have an effective track record and a high standard to live up to as to what the council has become in recent years.”

As for Ballot Question 1, which passed 81,885 to 39,657, and will now grant the City Council the authority to amend a budget proposed by the Mayor, and to override the Mayor’s budgetary amendments or vetoes, while establishing an office of participatory budgeting by 2024, Laffer said, “This offers an opportunity for the City Council to become an even more effective body, and it will be interesting to see how it changes the balance of power between the Mayor’s Office and the City Council going forward.”

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al manager local marketing for New England, said, “The Charles River Esplanade plays an important role for all of us in the city, especially as we continue to prioritize time spent outside. As one of our local grant partners, the Esplanade Association receives funding from REI to support their mission to sustain green space for the community. During the upcoming #OptOutside Vol-

unteer Day, our local co-op team is excited to join our neighbors in the community to help keep one of our favorite local places clean and safe for everyone.”

Registration for this event is capped at 50 people and can be found at [OptOutsideEsplanade.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Day-of meeting location will be shared via email a few days prior to the event.

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He said that the proposed massing is “wonderful,” and by putting focus on the street-facing facade, “you made a building that’s very responsive on the street.” For the park facade, he said the response doesn’t need to be as strong. He also said that he likes the fact that there is no cornice on top of the proposed community room on the park side. “They’re almost like two separate buildings,” he said.

Freeman did say that he would like to see a “more articulated entry,” as that “would help it be more of a South End building.”

Amodeo also praised the design team, saying that “it’s amazing what a subtle change can do to change the whole complexion of the building.”

He agreed with Freeman that the massing is working well, and that the community room “feels like a different building.” He also said that he likes the corner windows, admitting that “they are atypical but I think they work here mostly because the massing is strong and the terracotta skin is strong.”

Amodeo suggested that the entry “could be celebrated a little bit more,” and “I think the cornice could be stronger.”

He also suggested that the proposed penthouse have a cornice “or some kind of top” as well.

“I think those are things we can look at,” Beha said.

Amodeo also talked briefly about signage, saying that South End buildings for commercial use

typically include a sign band. This proposal includes the IBA logo right on the facade on the front of the building, but Amodeo said that “If IBA were to not be the only forever tenant in this building and another tenant were to come in, where would they put their signage? That’s something we have to think about.”

Additionally, Amodeo said he was pleased to learn that the team is planning to use some of the granite from the original church that was demolished in the base of this new building. He asked if any other materials from the church will be used in the new building.

“It’s a longer conversation, but we have hopes and plans to try and install stained glass win-

dows in many public spaces,” Beha said.

During public comment, resident Charles Dennison said he liked the colors and materials presented, as well as the proposed height. His criticisms were that the “front of the building feels a little bit too flat,” and he is “not a huge fan of the asymmetric windows.” He also said it “feels like the building very quickly steps down from four stories to two.”

Resident Jonathan Alves said that he is “pleased with the way IBA has involved the community in this process from the very start,” and was happy to see that feedback had been incorporated between this advisory review and the last. “My hope as a resident

is that this project will be able to move forward expeditiously,” he said.

Amodeo said that the project team now needs to decide if they will come back before the Commission for another advisory review, or if they have received sufficient feedback to come back with an application for a vote.

“I think that we will take your comments into consideration and go back with the team,” Calderón-Rosado said, and “see if we feel we need to come back with another advisory.” She said that they will continue to work with Landmarks staff on this proposal to work out details and decide what the next move will be.

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FENWAY CDC HOLDS GRAB-AND-GO EVENT ON BURBANK STREET



Wally The Green Monster with Isaah Martins.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

In lieu of their usual Halloween party with cuisine contests and other social activities, the Fenway Community Development Corporation repeated their Covid-safer Grab and Go event in the vacant lot adjacent to their location at 70 Burbank Street. Wally The Green Monster and the four Red Sox World Series trophies were on hand to provide visitors with some enthusiasm and Boston pride as candy, grab bags, pizza and other neighborhood fun were had by all.



Sam Chung and Skyla Martinez (right) knew that monsters walked the streets around Halloween but never thought they would get to meet Wally The Green Monster.



Organizers of this neighborhood Halloween extravaganza were Americorp Fellow Diego Soler and Community Health Services Organizer Anar Kansara.



Along with Fenway Park security keeping an eye on the four World Series trophies, Black Panther aka Henry Haddad, was making sure they were safe.



Northeastern University students Lorena Formento, Liza Davitadde, and Holly Lightbody helped dispense grab bags to visitors.

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Kori Leason and Aliah Mejia partake in some of the complimentary pizza the Fenway CDC had for visitors to enjoy.



Asher Solnit, Lauren Ho, Dominique Salisbury take a selfie by the Red Sox World Series trophies.



Fenway Ambassador Renee Poutre holds one of the squeezable baseballs the Red Sox were gifting to kids looking for Halloween treats.



John O'Neil (center) with Milo and Miller.



Wally The Green Monster and Annaliese W are ready for anything the night streets of the Fenway will throw at them.



Miku and Kazu Nagao pay a ghostly visit to the four World Series trophies of the Red Sox.



Paulo Timas (far right) takes a picture of his kids Jaden and Naila (2nd from right) with Wally The Green Mosnster.

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BOSTON CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY WITH ANNUAL PARADE



The BU ROTC Joint Color Guard marches under a giant American flag positioned above Tremont Street.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian
It was a crisp, sunny Fall day and perfect weather for the



Copper Hodges, perched on his mother Myong's shoulders, cheers the Veterans Day Parade as it makes its way up Tremont Street past Boston Common.



American Legion Department Commander 2016-2017 Ken Starks presides at the podium announcing each participating organization of the parade as they march by.



Visiting from Virginia Clara and Landis Hodges wave American flags and cheer Veterans Day Parade on as they stand outside the entrance to Park Street Station,



Standing at the Tremont Street edge of Boston Common, Parke Hodges holds an American flag and cheers the Veterans Day Parade with her mother Myong and brother Copper.



Massachusetts State Rep Jon Santiago, Boston Mayor Kim Janey helps Boston City Councilor and Mayor Elect Michelle Wu guide Wu's son Blaise along the parade route, and Boston Commissioner for Veterans Services Robert Santiago.



Members of the ROC Veterans Association In Boston pose in Boston City Hall Plaza.



Veterans Karen Scott and Neysa Wright.



Chief of Boston EMS Jim Hooley, Mayor Kim Janey, and BPD Sergeant Larry Van Zandt Sr.

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BBAC approves mechanical equipment for 149 Newbury St.

By Lauren Bennett

A subcommittee of the Back Bay Architectural Commission (BBAC) met virtually on October 28 to discuss the final design of the mechanical equipment for the proposed five story retail and office building to be built on the existing parking lot at 149 Newbury St.

A member of the project team said that they have made a number of changes to the mechanical portion of the building, including reducing the height and stepping back “as much as possible” from nearby buildings to lessen the impacts of shadows from the equipment. The new equipment being installed will allow the building to be fully electric.

He also said that the “mechanical mass” has been set back “close to 40 feet off the neighboring building.”

The taller equipment will be located “closer towards the Newbury side” and the shorter

equipment will be located closer to the center “to minimize the amount of screen and shadow on the alley and on the neighboring building,” he said. Because of this, there will be two different screen heights: 11 feet moving down to nine feet.

The applicant then talked about the staircase, saying that the roof for the stairs has been sloped “as much as physically possible for head height clearance,” which will also decrease the impact of shadows on the alley side “which we thought was helpful,” he said.

Commissioner John Christiansen said he had concerns about the color of the equipment for those who would be looking down on it from neighboring buildings.

The team said that there was one specific mechanical unit that would possibly be visible, but they said they are able to choose a paint color for that to help it

blend in better. They said that the remaining units as well as the duct work will be low. Any exposed steel will be painted to match the screen color.

John Tankard, a member of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay Architectural Review Committee, said that “on the Newbury St. elevation, the screening jumps from nine to 11 feet. I assume that’s because the air handling unit is 11 feet tall.” He said that from lower angles, all of the equipment would be shielded from view with a nine foot screen, and wondered if all of the screening could be at nine feet.

“It seems like it would be more cohesive to have one screen height,” he said, and Commissioner John Christiansen agreed.

The team said that while that is a possibility, there is a slight concern that “way down on Newbury,” the taller unit might be visible.”

Jackie Yessian, a resident of

the Vendome, said that there is a “big area that has nothing on it” on the roof, and wondered if further changes could be made so the equipment could be further back from view.

The team said that because of the fully electric nature of the new building, they also have to take into consideration future tenants of the building and have to allow for “flexibility for down the road.” Though there are no plans to make this building residential, there could be tenants added or taken away in the future.

Yessian said, “if you get fully rented and you know you’re not going to need more units, can you pull it back?”

The team said that that would require an amendment to the building permit, which would not be worth doing if that were the case. They also said that a path is needed for maintenance of these units as well so space is needed in between them.

Sue Prindle of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay suggested the use of a gray roof instead of the proposed black roof, as she said she has “had good luck” with using gray roofs to reduce heat gain. Prindle also asked the team if these units will comply with local noise ordinances.

The team responded to the roof comment by saying they’re aiming for LEED certification, so they are working with a consultant on which roof is most appropriate. They said that while the plan is to stick with a black roof, they could explore a gray one.

They also said that all equipment complies with noise ordinance requirements.

The Commission voted to approve the mechanical equipment proposal with the proviso that staff approve the final height of the screen, “whether it be nine or 11” feet, “not to exceed 11.”

Mayor-Elect Michelle Wu swearing-in set for Boston City Hall Council Chamber

Staff Report

Mayor-elect Michelle Wu’s swearing-in ceremony will be held at noon on Tuesday, November 16 in the Boston City Hall Council Chamber.

“Given the shortened transition and the urgent challenges

facing Boston, we’re getting right to work on November 16th,” said Mayor-elect Wu. “While we plan for a full inauguration with public events in January, alongside the Boston City Council, I’m thrilled to mark the quick start of our Administration with

a moment in the City Council Chamber next week. Boston City Hall was designed to reflect transparency and a commitment to public service, and the work of building a Boston for everyone means empowering all of city government to move with urgen-

cy and build community.”

After a brief oath of office ceremony, Wu will head to the Mayor’s office on the other side of the 5th floor to get to work. The transition marks a full circle moment: she first started in city government as an aide to the late Mayor Thomas M. Menino, working in the very same offices on the 5th floor that she will work in day to day starting November 16.

As a City Councilor for nearly eight years, the Council Chamber holds special meaning for Mayor-elect Wu. During her tenure as Council President, Mayor-elect Wu led efforts to make the City Hall Council Chamber more accessible, including a comprehensive redesign that involved adjusting aisle widths, floor heights, and public lecterns to make them more functional for individuals facing barriers to mobility, as well as making the Chamber more energy efficient. She also introduced video-conference testimony and advocated for closed captioned transcripts of meetings, to make it possible for people across Boston to learn about and participate in City Council meetings.

In the long-running debate about the seat of Boston’s city government, the Mayor-elect has been a consistent champion of City Hall and its brutalist archi-

ecture, even inviting detractors on architectural tours of the building.

Mayor-elect Wu’s swearing-in will come two weeks after her history-making election on November 2, when she became the first woman and first person of color to be elected Mayor of Boston. More information about the swearing-in ceremony, including how people can watch live, will be announced in the coming days.

To learn more about Mayor-elect Wu and the transition, visit www.AllAboardBoston.com or connect with her on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

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Virtual Public Meeting

380 Stuart Street

Tuesday, November 23

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3EOi2Np

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 408 4827

Project Proponent:

Skanska USA

Project Description:

This is the rescheduled meeting for 380 Stuart Street. The meeting will focus on the design changes that have arisen from the review process. The meeting will include a presentation followed by a Q&A. For any interpretation requests, please email nick.carter@boston.gov no later than 5 days before the event.

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Back Bay, surrounding area's COVID cases increase

By John Lynds

After decreasing 17 percent two weeks ago, the Back Bay and surrounding area's COVID weekly positive test rate increased last week.

According to the weekly report released Monday by the

Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 1,925 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 2.3 percent were positive. This was a 21 percent increase from the 1.9 percent that tested positive between October 25 and November 1.

The citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week. According to the BPHC, 22,049 residents were tested and 2.6 percent were COVID positive--this was a 24 percent increase from the 2.1 percent reported by the BPHC on November 1.

Forty-four additional resi-

dents have been infected with the virus between November 1 and November 8 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 4,523 cases overall since the pandemic began.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID-19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood.

It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.50 percent since November 1 and went from 83,646 cases to 84,064 confirmed cases in a week. There were two additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,455.



Virtual Public Meeting

85 West Newton Street

Monday, November 29
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/85WestNewton
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Meeting ID: 160 542 1835



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Project Description:

The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the 85 West Newton St project located in South End. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application proposal. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the general public. The Project is the redevelopment of the site of the Villa Victoria Center for the Arts which was located in the former All Saints Lutheran Church at 85 West Newton Street. IBA had to demolish the structure in 2020 due to severe structural conditions. The site is 9,301 square feet with frontage on West Newton Street. The proposed new approximately 26,000 square foot four (4)-story building will create a new multi-purpose community arts center. The Project will be constructed in one phase and may require proposed urban renewal actions including but not limited to a Minor Modification to the South End Urban Renewal Plan.

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Request for Proposal

Boston Double Up Food Bucks Evaluation Report

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The City of Boston, acting by the Boston Centers for Youth & Families/ Office of Food Access, 1 City Hall Square, Room 806, Boston, MA 02201, hereinafter referred to as the Awarding Authority, hereby invites written proposals to analyze and report the impact of the Boston Double Up Food Bucks Program.

The evaluation will assist the Office of Food Access to report the major goals, impact, and outcomes of the program from the time frame of September 30, 2021 - September 30, 2023. They will assess the impacts of increasing purchase and consumption of fruits and vegetables by SNAP participants. They will also analyze the effectiveness of increasing purchases of fresh fruits and vegetables at the retail level. Written proposals will be solicited from selected vendors through the City of Boston's Supplier Portal: boston.gov/departments/procurement

All proposals for this project are subject to all applicable provisions of law and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract documents entitled: **Boston Double Up Food Bucks Evaluation Report**.

Proposals shall be submitted before **4:00 P.M., Boston time, Monday, November 23, 2021**, and opened forthwith.

SPECIFICATIONS AND PLANS will be available on or about **Monday, November 08, 2021, after 9:00 AM Boston time**.

Marta Rivera, Interim Commissioner
(November 08, November 15, 2021)

Rep. Livingstone and Councilor Bok endorse Councilor Edwards for Senate

By Dan Murphy

Rep. Jay Livingstone and City Councilor Kenzie Bok are among those to endorse Councilor Lydia Edwards in her bid for the First Suffolk and Middlesex District State Senate seat.

"I've known of, worked with, and been impressed by Lydia Edwards as a civil rights lawyer and City Councilor for the last decade," said Rep. Livingstone in a statement. "I'm proud to endorse her so she can bring her energy, values, and collaborative approach to the State Senate. I look forward to working with her in the Statehouse."

In a recent email to her constituents, Councilor Bok wrote, "Lydia is my most effective colleague on the Council when it comes to actually pushing serious legislation through, and envisioning what's possible beyond the status quo. She would be a

gamechanger in the State Senate for all our regional issues - from housing to climate change to transportation. As was discussed in the mayor's race, so many of Boston's core challenges require coordinated state partnership from those who have experienced them firsthand. So we need Lydia!"

Councilor Edwards is running to represent a district that spans Bay Village, Chinatown, Downtown, Beacon Hill, the North End, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, and Cambridgeport, and after redistricting, that same senate district would also include Back Bay and the Fenway beginning in 2023. The seat was previously held by Sen. Joe Boncore, who resigned to head up the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council.

The Primary election to elect a new State Senator will be held on Dec. 14.

Boston ready to administer COVID-19 vaccine to kids ages 5-11

By Lauren Bennett

Acting Mayor Kim Janey held a press conference on November 5, where she spoke about the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine for kids ages 5-11, and provided some information about COVID in Boston.

"Our citywide positivity rate has remained relatively stable these past few weeks," Janey said, adding that as of October 26, the positive test rate was 2.1 percent, which "remains below the threshold of concern on each of our public health COVID metrics."

Janey also said that outreach to communities of color has

shown positive feedback, with vaccination rates among the Latinx population up 26 percent and among the Black population, up 29 percent since mid-April. Additionally, more than 73 percent of Boston residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

With recent approval of the Pfizer vaccine for children ages five to 11, Janey spoke about how Boston is working to get shots in arms of elementary school students.

She said that the City is "working with community partners, health centers, and out schools

(VACCINE, Pg. 11)

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May, Amanda	Mcgrath, Kevin R	140 Saint Botolph St #1	\$1,325,000
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Hickey, Edward P	Row Houses LLC	29 Oak St #1	\$167,700
Kachroo, Gaytri	Will, Alexander A	210 South St #4-3	\$784,000

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The Juliette balconies in the last clue are on 8-10 Fairfield Street, built circa 1880, and designed by the architectural firm of Sturgis and Brigham. Juliette balconies are often purely ornamental. Some have enough platform for a person to stand on as Juliette did in Shakespeare's play.

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



VACCINE (from pg. 10)

to ensure that our students and families are safe, informed, and have access to the vaccine."

There will be clinics offered in Mattapan, Dorchester, Hyde Park, and Roslindale, Janey said—neighborhoods with the

lowest vaccination rates city-wide. Vaccines for kids, as well as first and second doses for adults and booster shots, will also be available at pharmacies, community health centers, and hospitals. Janey also said that there will

be an "Ask a Doctor" information session offered by the Boston Public Schools on November 15 at 6:30pm.

"I encourage families to join this session to learn more about why vaccinations are important, and to ask any questions they may have," Janey said. "The vaccine is the best way to protect ourselves and our loved ones."

Janey urged residents to continue getting tested, and announced that an additional \$500,000 will be invested in equity coalitions to continue vaccine outreach in communities of color.

Janey also encouraged all residents, especially seniors, to get their flu shots, as "some experts are concerned about a worse, more severe flu season this year," she said.

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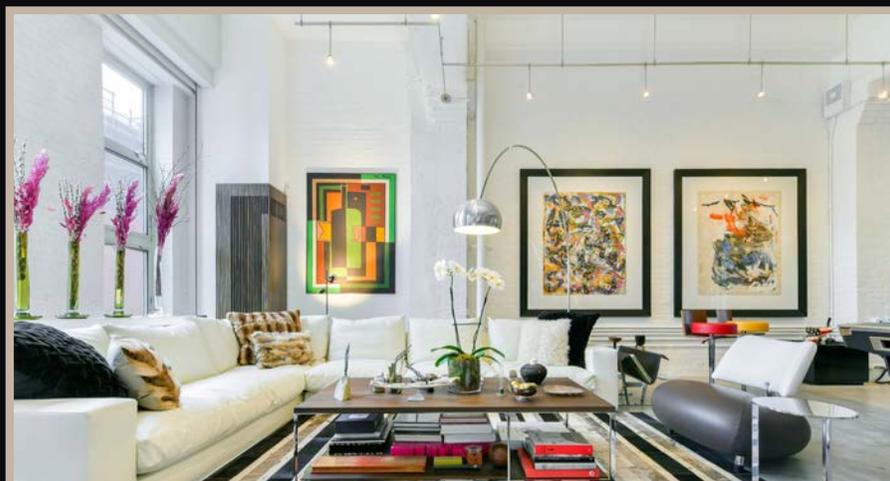
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