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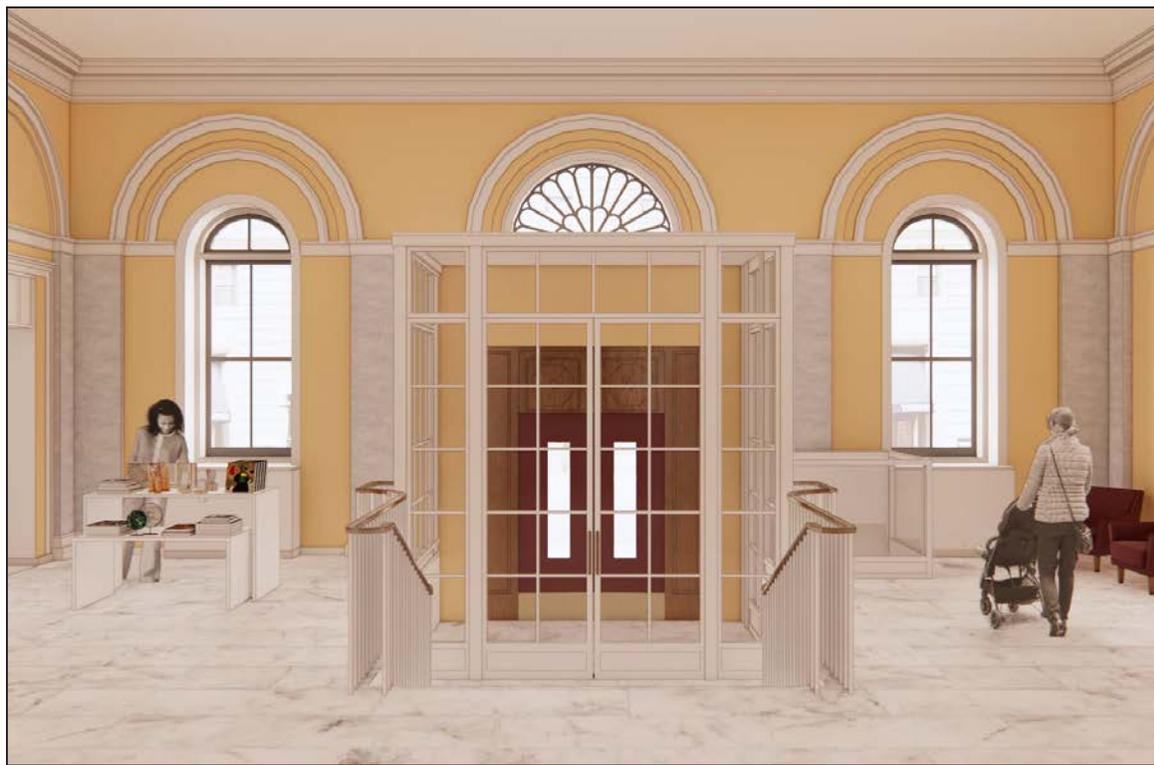


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A rendering of the renovated Boston Athenæum's renovated lobby

Boston Athenæum expanding Beacon Street headquarters

By Dan Murphy

The Boston Athenæum is now expanding the footprint of its longtime Beacon Street headquarters by around 15,000 square feet to create more welcoming spaces as not only an amenity for existing members, but also to give newcomers one more incentive to visit and join one of the country's oldest independent libraries.

"An important part is creating these new, really wonderful spaces to read, to think, and to work, but also to engage with each other...and where members can have social interac-

tions," said Leah Rosovsky, the Stanford Calderwood Director of the Athenæum. "We're also creating the spaces to appeal to new members. We're eager to get new members and a wide range of new members, so we're trying to create spaces that are welcoming."

Founded in 1807, the Athenæum has called the historic building at 10 ½ Beacon St. home since 1849, and today, the library has over 500,000 circulating books. It also boasts a rare books collection of over 100,000 volumes; an art collection of 100,000 paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings, photographs,

and decorative arts; and research collections, including one of important collections of primary materials on the American Civil War.

"Highlights of the library's holdings include exceptional primary sources for the study of United States history, including early published editions of foundational government documents and opinions on them, materials related to the abolitionist and women's suffrage movements, and visual culture documenting both World War I and World War II; the King's

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Mayor Wu announces creation of Office of Early Childhood

By John Lynds

At a press conference Wednesday Mayor Michelle Wu said, for anyone who has had to try to find an early childhood education seat in Boston navigating the many complicated systems, registrations and applications can be a daunting task.

"This is time for city leader-

ship to step up and help provide a one stop shop," said Mayor Wu. "We know that the pandemic has deepened every challenge that the city is facing, and our childcare gaps in access and the stresses on our early educators have certainly deepened as well. In Boston, and in Massachusetts,

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Mayor Michelle Wu announces the creation of the Office of Early Childhood at a press conference Wednesday.

Northeastern details plan for expansion of two dorms

By Dan Murphy

Northeastern University is proposing the addition of around 900 beds to two existing dorms due to over-enrollment last year while pledging to scale back enrollment beginning next school year in an effort to level off its student population.

Northeastern officials were on

hand Wednesday, Feb. 16, at a virtual meeting sponsored by the Boston Planning & Development Agency to outline their plan to increase the occupancy of the 723-bed East Village residence hall by 207 beds for a total of 930 beds, as well as to increase the occupancy of the 1,200-bed International Village residence halls by 700 for a total of 1,900

beds.

To achieve this goal, certain single dorm rooms would be converted into doubles while some doubles would be made into triples. These proposed accommodations would be "consistent with student accommodations across the remainder of the campus," according to Northeastern,

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BBAC discusses consistency of light poles with DAS nodes in the district

By Lauren Bennett

A subcommittee of the Back Bay Architectural Commission (BBAC) met virtually on Feb. 23 to discuss the replacement of light poles with ones that include DAS nodes within the district.

With cell phone technology continuing to evolve, several technology companies have proposed to install new poles with equipment for both 4G

and 5G throughout the city, and the BBAC is aiming to create a streamlined approach to the design of these poles throughout the neighborhood so there is consistency across the board.

Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) reported that in 2016, a meeting was held with members of the

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EDITORIAL

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW

As this is being written, a huge Russian Army is standing ready and poised, at the whim of Russian dictator Vladimir Putin, to invade the nation of Ukraine, potentially bringing death and devastation to Europe on a scale not seen since 1939 when Nazi Germany invaded Poland with a blitzkrieg.

As was the case in 1939, when authoritarian leaders in Germany, Italy, and Japan combined to form an Axis, Putin and his fellow dictator, Xi Jinping of China, are conspiring to set the world ablaze. Putin has Ukraine in his crosshairs and Xi likewise has his sights set on an invasion of Taiwan.

The big difference between now and then is that these dictators possess nuclear weapons, which makes an all-out war unthinkable.

That means that they can get away with pretty much anything. They know that the U.S., which is their only countervailing force, will be hesitant to engage them directly because of the threat of escalation into a nuclear conflict.

Another difference between now and then is that both Russia and China have the ability to wreak havoc throughout the world by means of cyber warfare. The world economy, including that of the U.S., is incredibly vulnerable to Russian and Chinese hacks.

Make no mistake about it -- if the U.S. imposes the severe economic sanctions on Russia that are being promised by the Biden administration, the Russians will retaliate with a scale of cyber warfare that will make the hacks of last year look like child's play.

Another key difference between 1939 and today is that Russia plays a huge role in the world's energy markets. Although the Russian economy is only a fraction the size of California's, Russia serves as the major energy provider for Western Europe. A shutdown of the delivery of Russian natural gas and oil to Europe will drive energy prices skyrocketing beyond their already-high levels.

Our so-called allies in the Middle East, especially Saudi Arabia, could help out, but they're in bed with the Russians. Their decision to keep oil output artificially low is creating an energy crisis not seen since the Arab oil embargoes of the 1970s and early 1980s.

In addition, U.S. oil producers have joined the Saudi-Russian oil-opoly by limiting energy production in this country, thereby keeping prices artificially high. If energy prices continue their upward trend, the Biden administration may have to order a nationalization of the oil industry to increase domestic output.

World history has shown that dictators do what dictators do. Putin, Xi, and MBS essentially are dictators for life and face no consequences for their policies and actions in their own countries. All three have cracked down brutally on political opponents and various ethnic groups that may pose even a remote threat to their regimes.

As they seek to expand their authoritarian regimes beyond their borders, world peace will be in peril.

Dark days lie ahead.

GUEST OP-ED

We all face challenges

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Everyone will face insurmountable challenges in life. The price of longevity is heartache, opposition, failures, grief and life events that come out of nowhere. Life is filled with the death of loved ones, financial ups and downs, daily health challenges and world events that impact us whether we like them or not.

Russia is going to invade Ukraine. Most of us don't like Russia anyway but we have to sit here and watch what they are doing to someone else while it negatively affects our energy, financial stability, our military, and our everyday lives. We don't like it; we don't want it but we will be impacted by the evil decisions of Russia's leadership. Can you imagine how the people of Ukraine feel?

We despise what Covid-19 has done to all us. Mask wearing, vaccinations and the fear of gathering have tormented us. The loss of family and friends who went into Intensive Care Units and never came home haunts us. Can we begin to imagine how they felt as they struggled to breathe on respirators their last few days of life?

We have all faced news that a loved one was killed on the battlefield, or someone died suddenly of a heart attack, or received news of terminal cancer.

Typically, we ask why? We ask God, "Why has this happened?" or "Why me, God?" Often there is rarely a good answer. We can analyze and say, "This could have been prevented. Or, this is how he or she should have lived their lives." Sports fans making suggestions from their recliners while watching reruns always see how the play could have been run better.

Life is always in motion. We make decisions. We react to situations differently. We don't always do the right thing and emotions often overturn commonsense.

The reality is that we all face and walk through fires. Most of the time we're hopeful that everything will work out alright. Often, things do. Unfortunately, everything doesn't always work out alright. If we manage to survive, that's when we have to help others who are crushed in spirit, who can't see the light of day for the darkness in their lives.

Ukraine needs their allies or

they will never be the same. It can't be all the United States. We can't save everyone and have proved it over and over again from Afghanistan to Iraq to Vietnam.

There are always those around you who need your emotional and spiritual support. If nothing else, friendship and a word of kindness and support are always meaningful.

Most of the time, we feel as if we face our greatest challenges alone. A lonely place of desperation is a dark place to be.

Don't ever go there. Look to God. When money, friends, education, hospitals, doctors and the church can't fix what you are facing God can see you through. He never leaves us or forsakes us. His hand is strong and nothing can pull us out of his mighty hand.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

BSO Violinist Lucia Lin headlines North Shore Philharmonic Winter Concert

Staff Report

Boston Symphony Orchestra violinist Lucia Lin will play the Jean Sibelius Violin Concerto No. 1 as the featured soloist highlighting the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra Winter Concert on Sunday, February 27. Music Director Robert Lehmann will raise his baton to start the concert at 3:00 p.m. at Swampscott High School auditorium.

The concert program will open with Michail Glik's "Overture to 'Russian and Ludmilla'" and conclude with Carl Nielsen's Symphony No. 1.

Tickets can be purchased in advance on the Orchestra's website, www.nspo.org or at Swampscott High on the day of the con-

cert for \$30. \$25 for seniors and students. Children 12 and under

are admitted free.

Violinist Lucia Lin joined the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1985 and has enjoyed a stellar career as soloist, chamber musician, and recording artist. She debuted at age 11 when she performed Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Since then, she has won numerous competitions, including the 1990 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. She has appeared with the Boston Pops, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra, the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, and the Festival Orchestra in Graz, Austria. She



NSPO Music Director Robert Lehmann.

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and would be “compliant with applicable building codes.”

The additional beds would be added over the summer to be ready for occupancy in the fall of 2022, and no modifications would be made to either of the dorm buildings, said school officials.

Northeastern is also assuring parents and students there would be no “surprise roommates,” and that “rates will be reflective of the corresponding unit type.”

John Tobin, Northeastern’s vice president of city and community engagement, said the university is seeking to amend its Institutional Master Plan (IMP) to reflect the proposed expansion, which comes in response to last year’s increased enrollment caused largely by COVID.

“We realize and recognize that it’s an issue, and we’re seeking to [find a solution] on our campus,” said Tobin.

Viktorija Abolina, Northeastern’s associate vice president of campus planning and real estate, said the university had admitted an additional 1,000 students last year, accounting for a 17-percent increase in its student population.

With this also came an 8-percent increase in students requesting on-campus housing, she added, while the majority of the 11,000 students living on campus last year were first- and second-year students.

Meanwhile, Northeastern is also proposing a residence hall at 840 Columbus Ave. with accommodations for 800-plus upper-class students, said Abolina.

Despite Northeastern’s reassurances that the proposed expansion of the two existing dorms wouldn’t adversely affect students living there, Edward Orde, a fifth-year student who has lived in both East Village and International Village, was unconvinced.

“The rooms are already very small, and bringing in an extra bed, desk, and drawers could be tough in terms of safety,” said Orde, who also expressed concern on the impact that increasing the student population would have on the already-crowded dining halls and library.

Kathy Spiegelman, Northeastern’s vice president and chief of campus planning and development, responded they are aware that some dorm rooms are too small to accommodate any additional students. She said “what you’re experiencing in the dining halls and the library is what

it’s like to have 1,000 more students” on campus.

“We’re now getting back to the population we had, and we’re hoping we don’t continue with this population growth,” said Spiegelman, adding that it would probably take a couple of years for the university’s enrollment number to return to its normal level, although no timeline had been set for this reduction in students.

As for the expansion’s potential impact on on-campus housing for students with disabilities, Spiegelman said, “We take that seriously, and we’re not going to reduce that.”

Marie Fukuda, a member of Northeastern’s IMP Citizens Advisory Committee, as well as a longtime resident of the Fenway, said she is pleased to hear that the university would begin reducing its enrollment next school year to get the student population back to its normal level.

Likewise, City Councilor Kenzie Bok said she really appreciates Northeastern’s commitment to reducing its enrollment, which is “so crucial to make sure we don’t have increased pressure on the neighborhoods.”

Richard Giordano, a member of the Northeastern University Task Force and director of policy and community planning for the Fenway CDC, said he believes that Northeastern is now stuck “between a rock and a hard place,” with the other option being students overcrowding Hillside Road and Calumet Street in Mission Hill, and Symphony Road and Westland Avenue in the Fenway.

“I think we have no good alternatives, and this is the better of the bad alternatives,” said Giordano.

Tim Horn, president of the Fenway Civic Association, applauded Northeastern for trying to keep more underclassmen on campus, but expressed concern about where they would live later on.

“What we need is some kind of workaround that protects housing for middle-class workers,” said Horn, adding that a student housing crunch would most affect workforce housing for 80-100 percent AMI (Area Median Income). “I really want to support you keeping students on campus for the first couple of years, but I want to see your plan for what happens after first the two years when they go on the open market,” he said.

BLC approves window reconfiguration for penthouse in Pope-Cahner’s Building

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Landmarks Commission on Feb. 22 approved a redesign of the window layout on the penthouse level for the Pope-Cahner’s Building at 219-223 Columbus Ave. in Bay Village. Additional work includes replacing the windows and doors as well as replacing the lead-coated copper cladding, and relocating the chimney.

Susan Knack-Brown, who presented the proposal, said that this proposal is only for the private residence at the penthouse level, which is an addition from 1990.

“Most of the existing windows are fixed curtain wall windows,” she said, which feature anodized covers. She showed a “small casement window” which she proposed to remove as it is in a bathroom.

The sill heights of the windows will be raised so the sills

will be “equal across the line.” Additionally, all windows will be fixed, so just the doors will be operable.

The proponent is looking at two options for the windows, but no matter which option is chosen, the exterior will remain the same. The inside of the windows will either be wood or aluminum.

No changes are being made to the massing of the building.

“I think these are all fine in my opinion,” said Commissioner David Beraducci, adding that the proposed changes are “pretty benign. I don’t think anyone will have a sense that anything has changed.”

Commissioner Brad Walker said “I also have no qualms with what you’re doing.”

Commissioner Justine Orlando wondered what the restoration will look like with the rest of the existing building since the work proposed is only for the

private residence.

Knack-Brown said that “the symmetry of what you’re seeing is going to be maintained,” as the “same light sizes and same exterior profile” will be kept.

Orlando also said that since this restoration is only for the private residence in the building, she wanted to make sure that any future proposed work for the common areas would match what is being done here.

Beraducci said that “they would also have to come before us” with any additional proposed work, and “we would have an opportunity to make sure it matches. But we can put that as a proviso, certainly.”

The BLC voted to approve the proposal with the proviso that “if in the future, any proposed changes are made to the windows and such on the common areas that that match the design and manufacture that’s being used on the private.”



Virtual Public Meeting

Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

Monday, March 7
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/March2022RSMPOC
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 677 5789

Event Description

The BPDA invites the community to the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee meeting to gain feedback on a minor modification to the South End and Campus High School Urban Renewal Plans. The modification contemplates additional allowable land use and building requirements on 1130 Tremont Street, 175-177 Ruggles Street, 0 Tremont Street, 0 Melnea Cass Boulevard, and 0 St. Francis de Sales Court, which makes up the “Crescent Parcel”.

The RSMPOC was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan.

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Rockland Trust launches annual scholarship program

Staff Report

Rockland Trust announced the launch of its 2022 Scholarship Program for students who are enrolling in a part-time or full-time undergraduate study for the first time at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year (2022-2023). Rockland Trust has expanded the program to provide up to sixteen \$3,000 renewable scholarships. This year scholarships will be renewable up to three years or until a bachelor's degree is earned.

Rockland Trust has opened the program to high school graduates and GED recipients in addition to current high school seniors. Applications will be considered based on financial need, academic performance, participation in school and community activities, work experience, a statement of career and educational goals and objectives, and unusual personal or family

circumstances. Applicants must reside in one of the following counties to be eligible: Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Middlesex, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, or Worcester in Massachusetts or Providence County in Rhode Island.

"Rockland Trust is delighted to enhance our annual scholarship program to reach additional students throughout the communities we serve," said Christopher Oddleifson, Chief Executive Officer at Rockland Trust. "With the renewable benefit of the program, we look forward to building a more meaningful relationship with the scholarship recipients throughout their post-secondary education as they prepare for their future."

Rockland Trust Scholarship applications will be available online at RocklandTrust.com/scholarship, beginning Tuesday, February 15th. To learn more about Rockland Trust's scholarship application, guidelines, and eligibility criteria, please visit RocklandTrust.com/Scholarship.

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was held with members of the city's architectural commissions "to discuss replacement of street lighting poles with DAS nodes. We were pretty firm that we didn't want to see any mid-block locations," and "wanted to avoid locations where significant views of features or significant buildings would be impacted."

Cornish also said that if a city light pole is replaced, it is typically replaced in kind. In the Back Bay, the "cement-type" pole has been approved with the base cabinets containing the equipment, and there has been conversation about different options for the antenna at the top of the pole.

Other kinds of light poles have been proposed in the district, such as the replacement of a single acorn light with a double acorn light on Massachusetts Ave. near Newbury St., as well as a pendant-style light on Charlesgate.

Cornish said that in October 2019, an application was received for several locations of these poles, including one at 67 Newbury St. that "would impact views of the Church of the Covenant," he said, and therefore rejected by the Commission.

He said the Commission also had concerns about additional equipment proposed for the top that had not been seen before. All of those applications were denied without prejudice, and a Subcommittee was created "to talk about and discuss appropriate designs of light poles."

Bryan Carroll of the city's Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT), explained that there is an option to install a 5G antenna either above or below the light itself on these poles.

He said that three companies have licenses with the city to install this type of equipment: Ex-teNet Systems, which is a "neutral host" and can install equipment for any of the cell phone carriers, including Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile, Crown Castle, which does the same, and American Tower, which he said has "not been active" in installing new antennas.

Carroll said that Verizon is the only carrier that has a license to install their own equipment in Boston.

Additionally, Extenet and Crown Castle are both able to install equipment for multiple carriers on the same light pole.

Commissioner David Samp-

son suggested that the subcommittee come up with two different designs of poles to provide to the companies.

"I think having one pole for all carriers would be preferred," said Commissioner Robert Weintraub. "Upgrading the poles was not necessarily a mandate back in 2016," he said, but "it should be a mandate...that they upgrade to either an acorn or a pendant." He also suggested that the base cabinets be "more decorative."

Cornish said that he feels there will be "more of a push for mid-block locations as they want more of these and not so much the upgrading."

Weintraub added that he feels "this is an excellent opportunity with the implementation of the 5G network to force the companies to replace the poles consistently throughout the district. Right now we've got a mishmash of poles—it's a little concerning."

Carroll said that currently, there are no examples in the city with a double acorn light that features the 5G antenna below the light.

"It seems to me the node should be above the arm of the light fixture and not below," Weintraub said. "The higher it is, the less likely it is to be seen."

Sue Prindle of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) said that she agrees that this is a chance to see poles be upgraded in the district. She said she prefers the pendant lights, and is "a little concerned about the acorns," as she does not believe there is enough room on the sidewalk for their bases.

"I think the pendants work much better in that regard, particularly on the side streets," she said. She also asked whether any of this equipment could be put on the roofs of buildings instead. There was some discussion on this, saying it has been done in some cases, but not all of the same equipment can be placed in those locations.

Others, like John Tankard, agreed that the pendant light is probably the best bet.

"I think the pendant light has

the most flexibility of putting all the equipment above the arm," he said. He also said that a black pole is preferable over the "light gray colors that a lot of the new installations have done."

Serge Savard, who said he is an electrical engineer, said that the 5G antennas "are more directional and that's why you have three on the pole. These will need to be closer to the recipient of that signal."

There was also some discussion on whether or not to put a shield over the top where the antenna would be, which raised some concerns about potentially reducing signal strength as well as drawing more attention to the antenna than if it had just been left uncovered.

"Our goal always is to make these as invisible as possible," Weintraub said.

Tom High of backbayhouses.org said that "the direction we want to go in is to a uniform pole that is consistent with the historical architecture. That's the goal." He agreed that offering "one or two designs" is the way to go.

Cornish said that his next steps will include talking to the city's division of Street Lighting under Public Works "about in-kind replacement versus replacement with decorative poles." He also said he plans on conducting research on "examples of pendant lights or other light fixtures that have screened the 5G equipment at the top. I don't think our work as a subcommittee has finished yet."

Sampson added that the subcommittee should continue to discuss two designs for poles, and that they should be black only. "It's probably going to be a pendant with an iron look to it," he said. He also said "I really am not a big fan of the bases at the bottom as Beacon Hill is not," referring to an earlier mention that the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission does not approve these poles with the base as the BBAC has.

"We really need to lean on the carriers and the providers until we get this right," Sampson said.



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has served as the BSO's assistant concertmaster and also has held concertmaster roles with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and London Symphony Orchestra. She previously appeared with the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in 2015.

Danish Composer Carl Nielsen wrote his first Symphony in

1891-92 and dedicated the work to his wife, renowned sculptor Anne Marie Carl-Nielsen. The work is known for its distinctively "Danish" flavors and Nielsen's personal style.

Out of concern for the health and safety of all musicians and audience members, the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra requires all patrons attending the

concert present proof of a Covid-19 vaccination, or proof of a negative Covid-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to the concert. Home tests are not accepted. Patrons will be required to wear masks and socially distance in the auditorium.

For more information about the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra, visit nspo.org.



Boston Symphony Violinist Lucia Lin.

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we have the second highest cost of childcare anywhere around the country and we continue to see the impacts of that ripple throughout our communities, throughout our economy and throughout our city."

To combat this Wu announced the creation of the Office of Early Childhood to advance the administration's commitment to universal, affordable, high-quality early education and care for all children under five. The new office will expand access to early education and childcare programs, invest in Boston's early education and care workforce, and serve as a central point-of-entry for residents looking for information on early education and childcare programming and wraparound services for young children and their families.

The Office will address needs highlighted in Boston's 2021 Childcare Census Survey report, which the Mayor also released Wednesday.

"We conducted this census just to understand the needs and realities of our Early Education and Care ecosystem from families and educators," said Wu. "We are here to report back that unsurprisingly, the vast majority of families who participated in the Census reported that they are looking for formalized care, but having trouble finding it. Many of our families are relying on some informal arrangement,

often with a family member, often not covering enough hours that are needed (for parents to work)."

Wu said 81 percent undergoing this kind of informal arrangement are women and this is impacting their own careers and their own professional development.

"The costs are high," said Wu. "The need is great, but the opportunity is tremendous right now as well. So it is time to truly tackle root causes and understand just how much our child care infrastructure is the foundation for families to thrive all across our city and beyond."

The Office will advance the Mayor's work to prioritize the City's youngest residents and their families by: Accelerating the creation of a universal pre-K system that stretches across Boston Public Schools (BPS), community-based organizations, and family-based childcare programs, and expanding high-quality, affordable options for infants and toddlers; Creating a one-stop shop for enrollment and access to early education and childcare programs by building an accessible, multilingual platform so that options are clear, streamlined, and accessible to all families; Investing in the early education and childcare workforce by building sustainable career pathways that recognize early educators as professionals who

are essential to young children's wellbeing; Coordinating outreach and information for City and community programming that impacts the lives of young children and their families.

Wu said the city will be hiring a leader of the new Office of Early Childhood to advance this work in partnership with the Boston Public Schools, the Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement, the Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, other City departments, and community organizations that serve Boston's children and families.

"We are excited to deepen the City's investment in high-quality, accessible childcare solutions for early childhood professionals, families, and their little ones," said Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement Alexandra Valdez. "The Office of Early Childhood will continue the work of looking at closing child care gaps with community voices at the center. This will not only create opportunities to further support a child's care needs and early development, but also empower a profession that is largely represented by women, specifically women of color, and our immigrant community."

Wu added that Boston Public Schools has led the way in building out a mixed-delivery system for universal pre-K (UPK) that integrates both BPS classrooms and community-based organizations. In its third year, the UPK program currently serves 664 pre-K students through 21 community-based organizations across 32 program sites; 2,556 non-special education K1 seats for 4-year-olds, and 880 special education seats for 3- and 4-year-olds in K0/K1.

In 2021, UPK expanded to

include a pilot program to serve 3-year-olds in addition to 4-year-olds in 2021-22. For the upcoming school year in 2022-23, Boston UPK plans to expand to serve up to 930 children at community provider settings, including 600 4-year-olds and 330 3-year-olds. The City of Boston and Boston Public Schools recently released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) to identify additional community-based organizations seeking to join the UPK program. The IFB deadline is April 4, and more details can be found on the BPS Universal Pre-K website.

By investing in and growing the early educator workforce, supporting early education and childcare businesses, and streamlining information and access for families, the Office of Early

Childhood will support UPK's continued expansion by increasing the number of seats available to infants and toddlers.

"I am grateful to Mayor Wu and her team and all who have worked so hard to advance this work on behalf of our children and their families," said Chair of the Boston School Committee Jeri Robison. "As someone who has dedicated my entire career to ensuring enhanced access to all-inclusive early education and care, I am heartened today to see this important next step in our City's progress. We are sending a message to our families today that Boston is united in our work to help our youngest learners get off to the right start through new support to them and their families."

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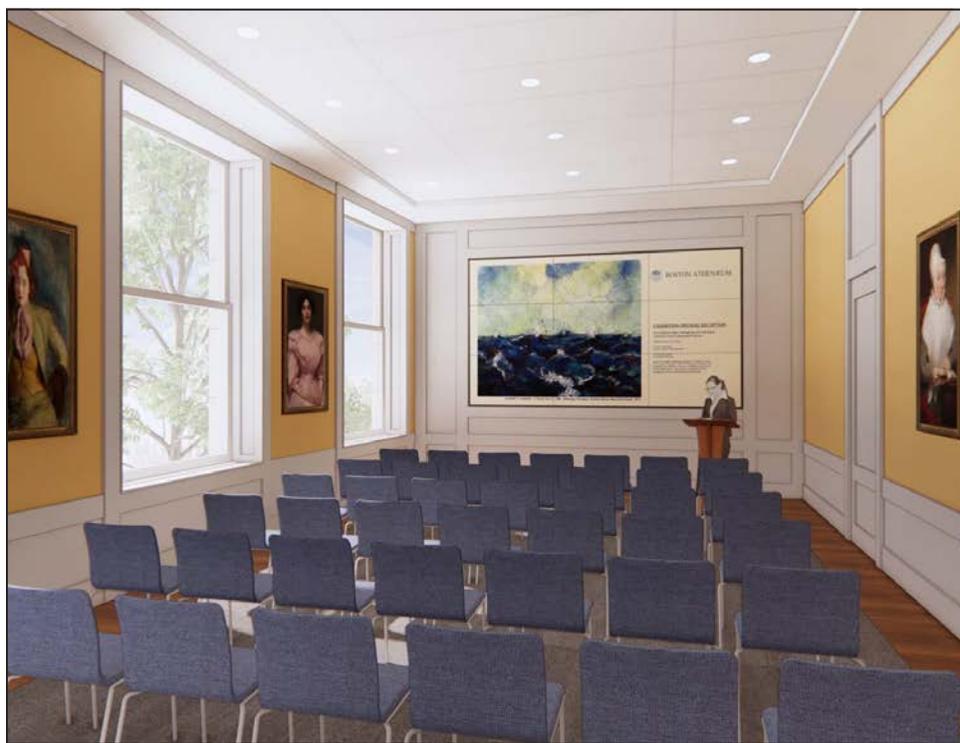
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Renderings of the renovated first floor meeting space and Leventhal Room.

ATHENÆUM (from pg. 1)

Chapel Library collection, with roots in the seventeenth-century settlement of Boston; the personal library of George Washington; historic early European printed works; and numerous works of fine art, including portraits of notable Americans such as Hannah Adams, John Marshall, and Alexander Hamilton, and by artists such as Gilbert Stuart, John Singer Sargent, Allan Rohan Crite, and Polly Thayer Starr," according to the Athenæum.

"We also offer lots of programming and serve as a cultural center where people come to hear lectures and authors speak, as well as for discussion, and to exchange ideas," added Rosovsky, who describes the Athenæum as a "place where members connect."

The Athenæum's membership is currently around 3,000 membership "units," said Rosovsky,

which can apply to either an individual or a single family.

The board had already been discussing the need to expand its physical space to better showcase the library's collection, and to make it more broadly accessible for several years before Rosovsky took over as the 17th leader of the Athenæum in May of 2020.

"We have a wonderful collection of priceless works, and we wanted to create spaces to show them and to allow more access to them for the community as a whole," said Rosovsky.

Just as important, though, was making the most of available space at the library.

"For many members, it's the space that attracts them and curling up in one of our red leather chairs is one of the things they most enjoy," said Rosovsky.

The Athenæum's ongoing expansion entails taking over

two floors of 14 Beacon St. while new pathways are being created to link 10½ and 14 Beacon St. The first passageway is on the first floor while the second connection will link the fourth floor at 10½ Beacon St. to the sixth floor at 14 Beacon St.

"It should feel seamless when you move from one building to the other," said Rosovsky.

On the first floor near the existing entrance, the lobby will be renovated.

"The lobby will have better circulation and a much-more welcoming feeling to it," said Rosovsky.

The area where the lockers are now would make way for a new handicap lift, and an approximately 850 square-foot Study Center is also planned for the second floor.

"We've never had a Study Center so it's very hard to do something like bring in a college class to look at materials," said Rosovsky, adding that the Study Center would also be able to accommodate other groups, such as high school students who could come see the historic images of Boston in the Athenæum's collection.

Additionally each year, the Athenæum runs a teachers' training program, and "part of it is teaching teachers how to use primary-source materials in their own teaching with their students," said Rosovsky.

"The new Study Center will allow us to do this in a whole different way," she said.

The Children's Library, which

was previously located at the rear of the first floor, will be relocated to the front of the building facing Beacon Street.

But unlike before, the new Children's Library will focus on children ages 6 and under, said Rosovsky, since "we have a lot of demand and a lot of interest among that age group, and because there are a lot of children on Beacon Hill in that age group."

Books for older children, which were previously found in the Children's Library, will be located in the stacks near the regular adult reading fare.

A new space on the first floor will be open to members, as well as to visitors, and have an "interactive community feel," said Rosovsky, with chairs and couches scattered about to allow for easy socializing.

"It will be a place where they can have a cup of coffee with fellow members, which they wanted," she said, as well as a "members' living room" where members can talk and book clubs can meet..

The erstwhile office space in the stacks will be reimagined as members' space "for them to read, work, research, and write – all the things people do in our building," said Rosovsky.

Adjacent to this space will be a room designed for meetings or small presentations.

Also on the first floor, the side of the building nearest to the Boston Common will be home to a new café.

"We want it to be a warm

and welcoming place with really good food and good coffee and tea – somewhere where you might stop off to have something small on your way to somewhere else," said Rosovsky. "It's being designed to add something that's not there now, and to bring some life back to this corner of the Hill. We hope that it's going to be delightful and charming and going to do a lot to help revitalize the street."

On the expanded fourth floor, new space will be created on the south side of the building. It will be an open area with couches and chairs, which would be open to members only. The adjacent kitchenette would only be accessible to members as well, while another meeting room will also be created on the fourth floor.

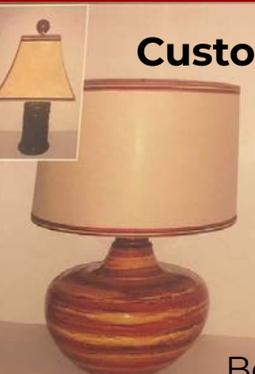
When the expansion project wraps up, now tentatively set for late fall, Rosovsky anticipates it will result in myriad new ways for members, as well as for the broader Beacon Hill community, to enjoy the Athenæum.

"We think it's going to be really transformational, and a transformational moment in what we can offer our members and what we can offer the community more broadly," she said. "It allows us to create [substantially increased] access to this truly wonderful treasure we have here. It also really allows us to enhance what is so beautiful and so special in the building itself."

To learn more about the Boston Athenæum, visit boston-athenaeum.org.

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CITY PAWS

How to walk a dog

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The adoption of pandemic pups and the rise of app-based dog walking services has resulted in a good number of inexperienced dog walkers. Many of our most expert and reliable reference sites have been running articles on dog walking dos and don'ts. Perhaps they're fielding questions on the topic or have noticed problems when out and about with their dogs.

It Depends on The Dog

Many of our decisions about dog walking depend on the particular dog we are about to walk. Start with your choice of walking gear. Ask your veterinarian for any specific equipment recommendations to walk your dog. For example, many small breeds need a halter rather than a collar to prevent tracheal collapse.

Strong dogs may be safer to walk with an anti-pull leash. Dogs with narrow heads need a Martingale collar to prevent them from escaping by slipping from a standard collar. Many dogs benefit from a gentle leader leash once they grow accustomed to it. Consider a two-leash harness if your dog has ever escaped because of fear or anxiety. We use one for our frightened little Westie.

There are a few items of walking gear that most experts agree should never be used and are illegal in some places. Retractable leashes are dangerous to both dogs and humans. In many areas, a leash must not exceed 6 feet.

The SF/SPCA has noted that "Many civilized countries have outlawed prong collars, recognizing the harm they can do! New Zealand, Austria, Australia, Switzerland, the Canadian Province of Quebec, and many others have made prong collars (and in many cases choke and shock collars) illegal."

The Ability of the Walker

Sometimes size matters. Penny once witnessed a small woman pulled out into traffic by a large, poorly-trained dog. On the other hand, we had a tiny friend who had no problem walking her beautiful, well-trained Mastiff. The other animal in her life was a horse, and she was an experienced rider, strong for her size,



Excellent, professional dog walkers never use retractable leashes because they are dangerous to both the dogs and the people around them.

and she knew the importance of good communication with and training for her charges.

Training Never Ends

Working on improving your dog's behavior is an ongoing job. Think about adding a mini-training session to each walk. We love how people with new dogs make them pause and sit at every corner. While that may not continue as a regular step each time you cross the street, consider asking your dog to sit and wait once or twice a walk to keep that skill honed for the times when you feel you need it.

We recently watched a young woman working with her large husky in the park. She would walk, stop and turn to go the other direction once or twice every block. This is a classic method of teaching a dog not to step ahead of you and pull. She praised the good turns and stopped to reinforce what she wanted from her strong sled dog.

More Tips

What might seem like common sense to experienced dog guardians may not be as evident to first-timers. In case of any mishap, always have your dog both microchipped and with a visible ID so anyone who finds your pal can call you.

While training, stick to the same routine and walking route. This will offer fewer distractions for both of you as you reinforce training. Then add small changes to busier places as you grow confident in both of your walking skills.

Finally, remember that walks are good for both of you, and enjoy your time together!

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

Neighborhood Villages commends Mayor Michelle Wu for creating new Office of Early Childhood

Lauren Birchfield Kennedy, Co-President and Chief Strategy Officer at Neighborhood Villages, a Boston-based nonprofit that advocates for solutions to the greatest challenges faced by the early education sector, issued the following statement after Boston Mayor Michelle Wu announced the creation of a new Office of Early Childhood:

"We applaud Mayor Wu for creating a new Office of Early Childhood, which is a major step toward expanding access to high-quality, affordable early education and care in Boston. Early education and care plays a foundational role in the lives of children and families and we are incredibly encouraged by Mayor Wu's commitment to help fami-

lies find child care programs and to support the early educators who care for our children. We look forward to partnering with Mayor Wu to address gaps and disparities in child care and to ensure every child has access to an early education that sets them up to thrive."

Neighborhood Villages, founded in 2017 by Lauren Kennedy and Sarah Muncey, is a Boston-based systems-change non-profit that advocates for early education and care policy reform and implements scalable solutions that address the biggest challenges facing providers and the families who rely on them. For more information, visit <https://www.neighborhoodvillages.org/our-work>.

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Upcoming virtual program explores 19th century ‘Boston marriage’ of Sarah Orne Jewett and Annie Adams Fields

By Dan Murphy

An upcoming virtual program presented by the Nichols House Museum will explore the seemingly unlikely 19th century “Boston marriage” of Maine author Miss Sarah Orne Jewett and prominent Boston socialite Mrs. Annie Adams Fields.

“The relationship was mutually nurturing and supportive,” said Marilyn Keith Daly, Historic New England’s South Berwick, Maine site manager. “They were both at the center of Boston or even New England arts society, particularly artists and also writers.”

Keith Daly conceived, researched, wrote, and collaborated with organizational staff to create the reinterpretation of Historic New England’s Sarah Orne Jewett House Museum, which launched in 2018, and for

the upcoming “Miss Jewett and Mrs. Fields, a Boston Marriage,” she has used their own words, diary entries, and letters to tell the story of their unique union, including how they welcomed the inner circle of New England artist society to their homes in Beacon Hill, Manchester-by-the-Sea, and South Berwick, Maine.

An author and social reformer in her own right, Mrs. Fields was the wife of James T. Fields, editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*.

“She was a beautiful woman who supported her husband, who was a very influential and important publisher of the time,” said Keith Daly of Mrs. Fields. “She as known for being a hostess – witty, charming, and empathetic.”

Besides being a warm and welcoming hostess, Mrs. Fields also provided input to her husband on editorial matters at the *Atlan-*



Sarah Orne Jewett and Annie Fields at 148 Charles St.



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Sarah Orne Jewett and Annie Fields.

tic Monthly.

“She advised him on writers, particularly advocating for women writers, like Harriet Beecher Stowe and Sarah before they knew each other,” said Keith Daly.

Mrs. Fields was also committed to social reform during her lifetime.

“There was a whole other side to her that was strongly influenced by her upbringing, which was a real concern for the working poor, as well as a tremendous drive for women’s suffrage and women’s education,” said Keith Daly.

Upon the death of James T. Fields at age 63 in April of 1881, Miss Jewett paid a condolence visit to Mrs. Fields at her Beacon Hill home.

While Keith Daly said condolence visits typically lasted between one to three months, Miss Jewett stayed for three months. Miss Jewett then only returned to her Maine home briefly to collect some belongings, as she and Mrs. Fields were already scheduled to take a trip

together to Europe.

“They were essentially a couple from that time forward,” said Keith Daly.

Besides some of Mrs. Fields’ diary entries, the program will also look at a few letters that Miss Jewett wrote to her, which, Keith Daly said, “show the evolution of their relationship.”

In letters to Mrs. Fields prior to the death of her husband, Miss Jewett was “warm and polite in tone” while discussing possible visits to see Anne, said Keith Daly, but only a year later, one of Miss Jewett’s letters to Mrs. Fields ends with a love poem and is signed “yours most lovingly, SOJ.”

The program will also look at the attitudes towards marriage at this time.

“On the surface, it wasn’t unheard of or unusual for women in the 19th century to see marriage as still largely an economic situation,” said Keith Daly. “Women who were financially independent like Sarah, who came from well-to-do families on both sides, didn’t have to

marry.”

Moreover, Keith Daly added, “It also wasn’t unusual in Boston at this time for two women to set up a household together if they could do so financially, but their relationship went much deeper than that.”

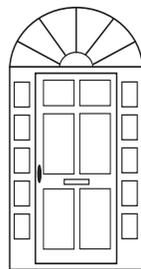
Their relationship was also unique in the support that the women lent to each other amid their respective careers.

“In their relationship, Sarah and Annie had the freedom to pursue their careers and the emotional support of a life partnership,” said Keith Daly. “Both women were really driven in their work and cared a great deal about each other.”

“Miss Jewett and Mrs. Fields, a Boston Marriage” takes place virtually on Wednesday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors, and \$6 for the discounted rate. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/miss-jewett-and-mrs-fields-a-boston-marriage-tickets-266501512197>.

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BOSTON TO OFFER RESIDENTS WEEKEND CURBSIDE TEXTILE COLLECTION

Building on the success of the neighborhood textile dropbox program, Mayor Michelle Wu announced that the City of Boston will begin offering weekend curbside collection of household textiles at no cost to residents. The Boston Public Works Department has again partnered with Northeast textile recycling company, Helpsy, which will coordinate pick-ups across the city. Residents looking to schedule a pick-up can simply fill-out an online request form at boston.gov/textiles. Once a date is scheduled and confirmed, household textiles should be left on the curb by 7AM on the scheduled pick-up day.

FREE ADMISSION WEEK FOR MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

The Red Sox Foundation is celebrating Black History Month with the Museum of African American History and providing free admission during the February public school break. From February 19-26, free reservations can be made on maah.org. Click here or the image below for the full flyer. The Museum of African American History on Joy Street in Beacon Hill is the largest and oldest institution in New England, sharing the rich legacy of African American accomplishment in shaping our nation's democracy. The Museum connects colonial and early African American History and culture in Boston, Nantucket, and the larger New England area with the abolition of slavery and current explorations of race and the struggle for human rights.

FINAL BUDGET LISTENING SESSION TO BE HELD ON FEB. 25

The Office of Budget Management (OBM) announced a series of listening sessions in partnership with the Boston City Council to both educate residents and solicit public feedback on the FY2023 Operating Budget and FY23-27 Capital Plan, ahead of the Mayor submitting each to the City Council. At the sessions, OBM will outline the budget process and highlight changes made through the recent ballot initiative vote. A series of listening sessions were held as part of this tour, organized by City Council district. The final listening session will take place on Friday, Feb. 25 from 10-11 am and feature the At-Large City Councilors. For more information and to register for the listening session and/or take the survey, visit boston.gov/budget.

FENWAY CORNERS VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The BPDA is hosting a virtual Article 80 Public Meeting on Wed., March 9 from 6:00-8:00pm in connection with the Draft Project Impact Report ("DPIR") submission for the newly renamed Fenway Corners project, which was filed with the BPDA by WS-Fenway-Twins Realty Venture LLC (the "Proponent") on Monday, February 7, 2022. Chinese interpretation will be provided for this meeting. Should you require interpretation in a language other than Chinese, please contact Aisling Kerr (Aisling.Kerr@Boston.gov) and allow a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice. Please register in advance for this meeting through the following link: zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItfuyqrDkVGHlhpFrOtyK0SsjVdhH81jo

80 EAST BERKELEY STREET MEETING RESCHEDULED

The BPDA meeting regarding 80 East Berkeley St. originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022, has been rescheduled for Monday, March 14, 2022. The BPDA will be hosting a virtual Public Meeting in connection with the Notice of Project Change (NPC) and the First Amendment to the Development Plan for Planned Development Area No. 95 (PDA Amendment) for the 80 East Berkeley Street Project located in the South End, received by the Boston Planning & Development Agency on January 31, 2022. Please register in advance for this meeting through the following link: https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscumpzmqGzkLXNZ0Q0FGSdTu3wC_Ouo

Sen. Edwards kicks off talks with her Community Transition Committee

First virtual meeting focuses on housing

By John Lynds

Last week Senator Lydia Edwards kicked off her Community Transition Committee through a virtual meeting to discuss housing. After being sworn in Edwards asks residents to advise her on constituent and public policy issues impacting the Senate district.

While last week's meeting focused on housing, the committee will cover issues including transportation, addiction and recovery, Massport, seniors, education/youth services, public safety, and environmental justice throughout 2022.

"I was elected and sworn in but it was during a special election so I didn't have the normal runway that other people have, where win in November, then they have a couple months to get adjusted and talk to people and then they get sworn in the following year," said Edwards of why she has formed the committee. "I got sworn in nine days after winning the election So these are the conversations I would have had in the community, learning from

you and your priorities with this first meeting specifically about housing. The reason why I wanted to start off my representation through listening and learning is because the best ideas that I've ever had are the ones that have come from the people whose real lived experiences depend on creative thinking from their legislators, and active listening."

Edwards then took some suggestions of what sort of legislation committee members would like to see or initiatives the senator could work on.

"I'd like to see in the budget some stuff that can help people that are looking to become homeowners," said Steve Roussel. "As we know Suffolk Downs is going to be a huge generational project that's gonna be happening. I like to see more money put towards education and learning the rules of engagement if you're a buyer. I think education is important to the buyers. We should try to teach more about budgeting. Like with any budget, in order for you to become a homeowner, it starts with budgeting. I think that we should be requiring this type of education in high school because having these young adults educated at an early age

could head off a lot of problems they may have in the future."

On other housing issues Edwards said she will push for another shot at getting the Home Act signed into law.

The bill, which was vetoed last time around by Gov. Baker, would remove a person's eviction history from public record after three years.

"I worked on the Homes Act in the Boston City Council and

was honored it got sponsored at the State House but was vetoed by the governor," said Edwards. "This bill is about removing that Scarlett Letter from a person's record who has been evicted in the past but has not had an eviction for three years and moved on with their life. I don't know that it should be public and permanent for which they will be judged for the rest of their lives and currently eviction records

are public and permanent. I have refiled the Homes Act, which allows for people after three years to seal their eviction records. This is the civil response to our state's CORI reform. Our CORI criminal reform that we did allowed people who had a misdemeanor to seal their record after three years and if you have a felony, you can seal your record after seven years. So to me, if you're able to move on from a misdemeanor and felony you should be able to do so if you missed rent during the pandemic, or during the last recession."

Edwards has also co-sponsored the extension for COVID relief.

"In terms of funding and stabilization, the money is still necessary, and a lot of our relief is ending for housing on April 14," she said. "That is a deep concern for me. I think we need to extend it.

Residents can still apply for the committee by emailing info@lydiaedwards.org. Residents in the district are asked to send their name, city, and the topics they are interested in discussing with Edwards and she will respond with a series of dates and times to discuss each topic.



Senator Lydia Edwards kicked off her Community Transition Committee meetings last week.

Back Bay weekly COVID positive test increases slightly

City lifts vaccine mandate for indoor venues

By John Lynds

With Boston's weekly COVID positive test rate falling below 5 percent for the first time in months, Mayor Michelle Wu and Dr. Bisola Ojikutu announced last week that the City's "B Together" policy, which requires patrons and staff of certain indoor spaces to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19, would be lifted effective immediately.

"The public health data shows that we're ready to take this step in our recovery," said Mayor Wu. "This news highlights how much progress we've made in our

fight against COVID-19 thanks to vaccines & boosters—which have always been our most effective weapon against the pandemic. It's a win for every Bostonian who's done their part to keep our communities safe, and we have to keep going. I want to thank all of our small businesses who have been working to keep our communities healthy through challenging times."

Public health data shows Boston has a 4.6% community positivity rate, a 90.7% occupancy rate of adult ICU beds, and 7-day average of adult COVID-19 hospitalizations at 195.9 per day, falling below all three previously announced thresholds.

"I'm encouraged by our COVID-19 data and optimistic about where our city is headed. The City's COVID-19

response has been guided by science throughout the pandemic, and we will continue to make data-driven decisions in our mitigation and response strategies in order to keep everyone safe," said Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) Dr. Ojikutu. "The Boston Public Health Commission remains focused on ensuring equitable access to vaccination and supporting communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19."

However, Wu and Ojikutu said the City's mask mandate for indoor spaces, including schools, remains in effect until further notice.

According to the BPHC 14,734 residents were tested city-wide last week and 4.6 percent

were COVID positive--this was a 33 percent decrease from the 6.9 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on February 14. The weekly positive test rate has now decreased 57 percent in Boston since February 7.

According to the weekly report released Monday by the BPHC, 1,260 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 4.4 percent were positive. This was a 2 percent increase from the 4.3 percent that tested positive between February 7 and February 14.

Fifty five additional residents have been infected with the virus between February 14 and February 21 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 8,345 cases overall since the pan-

demic began.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 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 0.64 percent last week and went from 162,683 cases to 163,720 confirmed cases in a week.

There were 19 additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,697. Deaths decreased 14 percent in Boston last week with three less deaths than the 22 deaths reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Mass. House of Representatives passes Driver's License Bill

Staff Report

In an unprecedented effort to increase safety on the roads, the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed legislation that will allow applicants who are unable to prove lawful presence in the United States to apply for a Massachusetts driver's license.

Under this legislation, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) will not inquire about immigration status when processing an application for a Massachusetts driver's license or registration, solely basing the issuance of driver's licenses to residents who provide required documents to prove their identity, pass the corresponding driver tests, and meet all other eligibility criteria.

"I'm proud of the significant step that the House took today towards bringing all drivers under the same licensing and insurance standards, regardless of immigration status," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "In addition to increasing safety on our roads for all drivers, this legislation recognizes the essential role our immigrant neighbors play in our society and economy by ensuring that everyone has access to a driver's license. I thank Chair Straus, Chair Michlewitz, the bill's sponsors, and all my colleagues in the House, as well as countless supporters, immigration and labor

advocates, and law enforcement officials for their tireless work to ensure its passage."

"In line with the 16 other states that have passed laws offering standard licenses to those providing secure identification documents, this carefully crafted public safety legislation will mean that all drivers using our roads are identifiable, competent and insured," said Representative William M. Straus (D-Mattapoisett), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation.

"I'm extremely grateful for the tireless advocacy that led to this pivotal moment. I also want to thank Speaker Mariano, Chair Michlewitz, Chair Straus, and the House for their leadership on this important issue," said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. "All Boston and Massachusetts adults deserve access to driver's licenses regardless of immigration status. I support the Family Mobility Act because it will make all of us safer."

"We cannot overstate our joy, pride and gratitude for today's historic vote in the Massachusetts House of Representatives," said the leaders of the organizations that co-chair the Driving Families Forward Coalition, Brazilian Worker Center Executive Director Lenita Reason and 32BJ SEIU Vice President Roxana Rivera. "We extend our deepest thanks to Speaker Mariano for

his clear support in moving the bill through the legislative process, and we also thank the bill's four lead sponsors, dozens of cosponsors and many thousands of individual supporters. Today, all of them have helped move our state toward safer roads, stronger public security, better public health, and a more robust economy, while also taking a step toward transforming the lives of immigrants and their families across the Commonwealth."

"Immigrants without status are essential workers and card-carrying, dues-paying union members. Moreover, they are our neighbors, friends, and family and an integral part of our economy and community. With overwhelming support from law enforcement, this bill will provide greater public safety and allow workers to obtain and keep good paying jobs, all while making

facets of everyday life that many of us take for granted, like getting kids to school, a reality. We commend Speaker Mariano and the entire Massachusetts House for voting to pass this important legislation that will result in safer roads for all Massachusetts residents," said Steven A. Tolman, President, MA AFL-CIO.

"I want to thank all those legislators, law enforcement leaders, immigration advocates and public health officials who worked tirelessly to advance this bill through today's historic vote in the House," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "Efforts on this issue date back to my time as a state representative. Then, as now, it was clear that this bill would improve public safety and public health. While I was supportive of this concept 20 years ago, it was the rigorous identification requirements in

the final version of this bill that strengthened it further and made today's vote possible. I applaud Speaker Mariano for bringing it to the floor and the individuals who lent their stories and voices to this important cause."

To apply for a standard driver's license, applicants will need to provide at least two documents to prove their identity and date of birth. All documents written in a foreign language must be accompanied by a certified translation to English:

- Document #1: valid unexpired foreign passport or valid unexpired consular ID

- Document #2: valid US driver's license, birth certificate, valid foreign national ID card, valid foreign driver's license, ora marriage certificate or divorce decree

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at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 3/9/2022 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Douglas Sullivan unit #231; Clint Mora unit #317; Matthew Collins/Related Beal unit #375; Mark Tedeschi/Related Beal unit #380; Amy McNamee/Law office

unit #510; Flor Idalia Albino Rivera unit #534; Nicole Shea/Platterz unit #607; Austin Hu unit #750. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

2/17/22, 2/24/22
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Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Nouri, Shahrooz M	Ling, Gabriel	301-319 Columbus Ave #306	\$2,485,000
Adier, Michael	Kinmos T LLC	160 Commonwealth Ave #410	\$625,000
Auner, Joseph	Zeng, Hong	261 Marlborough St #4	\$678,000
WHDM LLC	Froeschle, Thomas A	110 Stuart St #16C	\$2,350,000
WHDM LLC	Froeschle, Thomas A	110 Stuart St #16D	\$2,350,000
Diane M Pink 2003 RET	Parent, William M	329 Commonwealth Ave #4	\$3,150,000
Bumagat, Nelson	214 Pikai Chiang RET	366 Commonwealth Ave #3C	\$569,000
BEACON HILL			
Seiryu Investments LLC	Unit 2A Beacon St 100 LL	100 Beacon St #2A	\$2,690,000
Kelly, Robert	Dunleavy, Christopher	34-1/2 Beacon St #1	\$3,644,615
96 Beacon St Unit 2 LLC	Polaris 2000 LLC	96 Beacon St #2	\$5,450,000
Carmi, Oded	Bhattacharyya, Roby P	25 Phillips St #A	\$828,750
Federico, Anthony N	Alton, Barbara	51 Revere St #4	\$869,000
Dierejian, Edward P	JDMD Owner LLC	45 Temple St #303	\$4,000,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Nouri, Shahrooz M	Ling, Gabriel	301-319 Columbus Ave #306	\$2,485,000
Lavelle, Christopher	Arruda, Kenneth J	529 Columbus Ave #5	\$746,250
Rizk, Daoud	Kamel M Rizk 2013 RET	55 Hemenway St	\$2,550,000
Lau, Jeffrey C	Harris, Joshua E	28-30 Union Park #2	\$2,100,000
Skloff, Robert	Allied Residences LLC	88 Wareham St #402	\$1,099,000
Finn, Allen	1950 Wa Street LLC	1948-1950 Washington St #3D	\$814,900
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Graceffa, Paul J	Proreal Assets Inc	1 Avery St #17A	\$1,460,000
Zaragoza-Watkins, M D	Harris, David	110 Broad St #301	\$2,075,000
Johnston, Harry	Armstrong, Lisa M	300 Commercial St #209	\$676,000
Oulidi, Nada	Chacharone, James	1 Franklin St #3407	\$2,150,000
300 Pier 4 Blvd 8j RT	Brian D Bertonazzi FT	300 Pier 4 Blvd #8J	\$4,200,000
Rosenberg, Chad	Handler, Douglas	81 Richmond St #5K	\$1,450,000

LICENSE (from pg. 10)

lawful presence in the United States would remain ineligible for a "REAL ID" which requires documentation of U.S. citizenship or lawful status as a matter of federal law. To protect applicants' privacy, the legislation

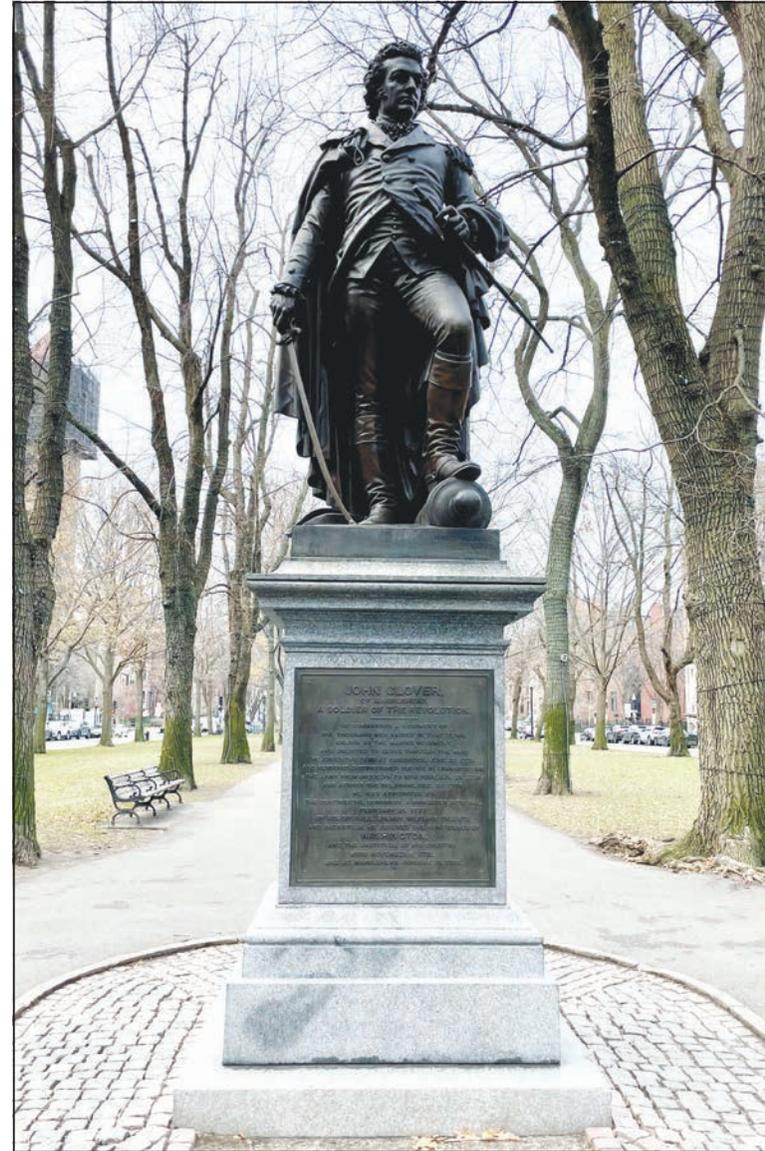
also prohibits the RMV from disclosing any information about applicants for and holders of a standard driver's license except as authorized by regulations promulgated by the Attorney General.

"An Act relative to work and family mobility" (H.4461) passed the House of Representatives 120-36. It now goes to the Senate for their consideration.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER

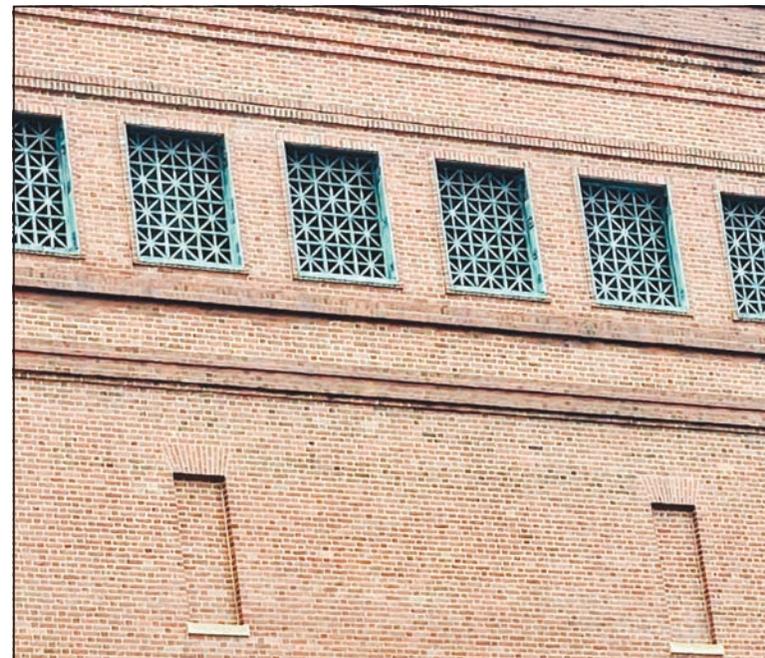


The hand in the last clue is on the statue of John Glover on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall. The New England Historical Society noted the multiracial mix of the men under his command: "There wasn't just one African-American in Glover's Regiment, but dozens. Indians, too, made up the crack unit. They came together before the war fishing in the North Atlantic, where race didn't matter in a storm."

You'll find the next clue in the Fenway.

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THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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MARK DOHERTY

12:00PM-1:00PM

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