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East Berkeley Neighborhood Association social at Brasserie on June 13. Shown above are Chris Brayton, Jeff Gates, Bob Wells, and Jane Brayton. For story and more photographs see pages 8-9.

Wu completes audit of city-owned land

Staff Report

Mayor Michelle Wu on June 15 announced the completion of the Public Land for Public Good: Citywide Land Audit of all city-owned property. Mayor Wu made the announcement at an event held in Charlestown at the six-acre Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)-owned parking lot adjacent to Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) and the Community College MBTA Orange Line station. This report is the culmination of an effort to comprehensively inventory all City-owned property, identify vacant and underutilized properties, and set in motion accelerated efforts to best utilize this property to serve Boston's communities, particularly through the development of affordable housing. The City of Boston will conduct thorough community engagement to ensure the future use of land

reflects the wants and needs of Boston residents. As part of the new report, the City released a public mapping tool for exploring the City's land inventory and will actively maintain this database to increase transparency and information access.

"In a city as dense and already developed as Boston, these parcels identified in the land audit represent rare opportunities to utilize public space for the public good," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Parking lots and vacant spaces across our City have the potential to be transformed into providing crucially needed affordable housing, green space, and community services. I look forward to a robust engagement process to ensure our planning process reflects the needs of our residents."

Among the 1,238 City parcels identified in the audit as vacant

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Local schools receive EdVestors Arts grants

By John Lynds

Students attending three local schools will continue to receive arts education by partnering with local music and performing arts programs thanks to a grant from EdVestors.

Snowden International High School at Copley, McKinley Prep in Fenway and Blackstone Elementary in the South End were among 66 Boston Public Schools to receive EdVestors Arts Expansion Grants totaling \$455,000.

Throughout the 2022/2023 each school will work with different music and performing arts programs to expand art opportunities for students.

Snowden International High School will team up with BalletRox for dance while McKinley Prep will partner with the Boston Music Project to add music instruction to the school.

Finally the Blackstone will work with Art Resource Collaborative for Kids (ARCK) to bring quality arts to the school's curriculum.

"Arts education enables stu-

dents to express themselves and succeed in ways they often don't in other subjects, and is a powerful motivator for students to want to attend and engage at school," said President & CEO of EdVestors Marinell Rousmaniere. "We couldn't have made this much progress without our committed funders and dedicated partners who continue to support our mission of increasing equitable access to quality arts education for all of Boston's public schools students."

Rousmaniere said since 2009, these grants have helped increase the number of students receiving arts education in Boston by 17,000 annually by providing more opportunities for students to become involved in the arts. The grants were announced as part of the annual BPS Citywide Arts Festival, which returned to the Boston Common in person for the first time in three years.

"These grants are essential in ensuring that high-quality arts education will continue to be accessible to Boston Public Schools students," said Boston

School Committee Chair Jeri Robinson. "We all know how important in-person learning is, which is why this year's event on the Common was such a great opportunity to help our youth re-engage with the community and showcase the magic that comes from being back in the classroom inspiring one another through the arts."

Robinson added that BPS Arts Expansion is marking its 13th year, having built a partnership that has continued to improve access to quality and equitable arts education for all students. "This collaborative effort has allowed Boston to emerge as a leader in arts education," she said. "BPS arts teachers working in partnership with community-based teaching artists and organizations have made this work possible. The initiative continues to focus on expanding access to equitable arts education and deepening arts experiences, while building systems to sustain a high level of arts education long into the future."

Company submits new PNF for Star Market existing site

By Lauren Bennett

Samuels & Associates on June 6 submitted a Project Notification Form (PNF) to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) for the existing Fenway Star Market site at 1380-1420 Boylston St. The project is called "1400 Boylston Street (Fenway Star Market) by the BPDA."

The current Star Market will be relocated to the Landmark Center across the street from where it currently sits, which will allow this proposed development to occur on the site. A Letter of Intent was filed on December 2 of last year.

"The filing kicks off the public review process for the proposed project," according to a notice

from the BPDA following the filing of the PNF. Comments on this proposal will be accepted until August 12, and public meetings will be advertised on the project page on the BPDA website.

According to the notice, the development team submitted this description of the proposed project: "Samuels & Associates Development LLC (the "Proponent") filed a Letter of Intent ("LOI") with the BPDA on December 2nd, 2021 for the proposed redevelopment of the approximately 2.4-acre site at 1380 - 1420 Boylston Street in the Fenway, which is presently occupied by a single-story Star Market grocery store, a decommissioned gas station, and sur-

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EDITORIAL

WE URGE OUR LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT LOBSTER FISHING BILL

Most of us are environmentalists to some extent.

We doubt there are few among us who do not find it heartbreaking that there was a record number of deaths of manatees this past year in Florida because excessive algae growth fueled by fertilizer runoff into the coastal Gulf waters is destroying the manatees' primary food source, sea grass. The manatees literally are starving because of a lack of food.

In our area of the country, the right whale long has been endangered. Only a few hundred of these beautiful animals exist. The greatest threat to their extinction are boat strikes and fishing and lobster gear in which they can become entangled.

Since 2015, state regulations have banned the use of lobstering equipment from Feb. 1 until at least April 30 off Cape Cod Bay and beyond, shutting down the local industry for the winter.

Right whales are common in Cape Cod Bay during late winter and early spring, especially during March and April. The ban was further extended until May 15 this year because of the presence of right whales in our area.

Needless to say, the state-mandated ban has taken a financial toll on those who earn their livelihood from lobstering. Some lobstermen say that their annual income has been cut in half since the ban went into effect in 2015.

However, State Senator Patrick O'Connor from Weymouth has filed a bill that he has attached to the upcoming state budget that would provide some degree of recompense to lobster fishermen for their lost revenue.

The total cost of the bill is miniscue -- \$12 million out of a total state budget of almost \$50 billion.

In our view, Senator O'Connor's bill is long-overdue. Saving a species such as the right whale is a public good that benefits all of us in some way and has a direct economic benefit for our tourism industry.

Yet the only ones being asked to pay the price for saving the whales are our lobster fishermen, for whom making ends meet always has been an iffy proposition, but which, thanks to climate change (which is driving lobsters further north to colder waters) and the state regulations, is becoming even more difficult.

The bottom line is that since the state's regulations are forcing our lobster fishing industry to "Save the Whales," then it is time for the state to put its money where its slogan is.



GUEST OP-ED

A father and a child can make a great family

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Father's Day is coming one more time and you still have a chance at having a great family.

Fathers like most all people have good days and bad days. They have great seasons of life and some that are more difficult. Few fathers will look back over their lives and say, "Every day I was a perfect dad." Some days were better than others.

We all feel bad about the seasons of our lives when we had to work too much. Working all the time depletes energy we would prefer to spend on our families. The problem is that like most fathers we want to keep a roof over our heads and food in the refrigerator. Making car payments, house payments, and all the basic things of life typically keep most dads and moms very busy.

Even in a home filled with love and patience the average dad lives a juggling life. He is pulled between work, kid's ballgames, meeting the needs of his wife and housework. Add to this school meetings, homework, fishing,

piano lessons, family events, all while trying to maintain and add to his career.

Most of us looking back can think of some endeavors or activities we wish we had let go in order to spend more time with our families. For some weird reason at the time they seemed all so important but now they feel like wasted time.

Throughout life the way we typically learn is the hard way. Education is always expensive. Our vision is 20/20 looking back. People tell us what we will regret and what we should do but we rarely believe them. When we get past the "fifty-five" mark of life we start to realize what the "old timers" told us was true. You know how it is because you probably tell your kids about what is right and wrong and what they will appreciate or regret. In most cases they don't pay much attention to you.

The only season of being a father that you have is this one. No future is guaranteed and yesterday is gone. You do have today. Have a loving and forgiving heart. Extend grace and a second, third or fourth

chance. Try to spend time with those you love. You are probably finding out now that your grown children are too busy for you. They have lives of their own and you may not be a priority. It hurts some but they probably are being like you used to be. Don't lose sleep over this but be available and reach out as you are able.

Finally, you have to be more than the human ATM machine. You can't buy your children's affection for the rest of your life. Every parent wants to help their children but the best thing you can do for them is work with them to help them care for themselves. You can either teach them to fish or spend the rest of your life fishing for them and this ends up being a hard life for you and cripples them.

Today is another opportunity to be a good father. This is also a good day for you to reciprocate love and affection to your dad. A father and a child working together can make a great family.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CELTICS GAME 6 WATCH PARTY AT FENWAY PARK

On June 16, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Red Sox will host a free watch party at Fenway Park to cheer on the Celtics as they take on the Golden State Warriors in Game Six of the NBA Finals at home. Tickets are free and are general admission in

the lower seating bowl. Advance registration is required by visiting redsox.com/viewingparty. Once claimed, tickets can be accessed via the MLB Ballpark app to scan from a mobile device at the gate.. Limited concessions will be available for the watch party. Fenway Park Gates A and D on Jersey Street will open for fans to enter at 8 p.m. for the 9

p.m. tip-off. Fenway Park security protocols will be in place for Thursday's event, including metal detectors and bag screenings.

WU ANNOUNCES A VERY PROUD CITY

Mayor Michelle Wu, in partnership with the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclu-

sion, Office of Equity and Inclusion, and Men of Melanin Magic, announced A Very Proud City, an LGBTQ+ Pride series with events to take place throughout Downtown Boston. "I'm so excited to be in community and celebrate Pride this month," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "A Very Proud City series will center our LGBTQ+ residents, support local organizations and amplify events that highlight and serve our LGBTQ+ community. I'm grateful to all of our partners for working to ensure that we are celebrating our queer communities and I encourage everyone to stop by these events." Learn more at boston.gov.

scheduled trash and recycling collection days. This program will reduce the City's reliance on landfills and incinerators, and make it more convenient for Boston residents to dispose of their household food waste. The food waste, which will be collected through a partnership between Garbage to Garden and Save That Stuff, will be sent to Save that Stuff's composting site in West Bridgewater to be turned into compost that will be made available to Boston parks, gardens, and schools, and sent to Waste Management's CORE Facility in Charlestown where it will be made into clean energy. Learn more on the city's website.

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or underutilized, most of which are modestly sized, the report identified a number of high opportunity sites to prioritize for community planning efforts. These priority sites include the Bunker Hill parking lots as well as the Boston Public Health Commission Mattapan Campus, the East Boston A-7 police station, the Boston Water & Sewer Commission parking lots in the South End, the BPS Campbell Resource Center in Dorchester, the BPDA-owned Sargent's Wharf parking lot in the North End, the Boston Transportation Department-owned Sullivan Square parking lots in Charlestown, the BPDA-owned parking lot located at 290 Tremont Street in Chinatown, and 95-133 Magazine Street in the South End. Future planning will take into account the current uses of these sites and how the needs met by each can be addressed onsite or in another location.

"This audit presents us with real opportunities to address our city's housing needs and build affordable housing across Boston," said Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon. "With this information and transformative investments from the American Rescue Plan, we look forward to significant, community focused affordable housing investments in Boston."

"This work offers a great starting point to accelerate the use of underutilized public land for public good," said Arthur Jemison, Chief of Planning. "We look forward to a robust community process to ensure that the development of any of the sites identified is responsive to the neighborhood's needs, while creating new opportunities for mixed-income rental, homeownership, and open space in our communities."

The City and its municipal agencies oversee 176.9 million square feet of land across Bos-

ton - representing 2,976 unique parcels with potential to fulfill the promise of transformative community development. The audit finds that most vacant and underutilized parcels are already in the pipeline to be developed as affordable housing or preserved as open space, but the City's land portfolio does include high-opportunity sites that have not yet been tapped for community-oriented development. Of all the sites:

- 106 sites (9%) of vacant or underutilized parcels present high opportunity for development due to their size and/or transit oriented location, but are not yet in a pipeline for development.
- 345 sites (28%) of vacant or underutilized parcels are currently under an active, ongoing process to dispose of the land. The disposition process for the future of these properties have included significant community planning and visioning.
- 526 sites (42%) of vacant or underutilized parcels are already in a pipeline for potential future projects.
- 261 sites (21%) of vacant or underutilized parcels present little opportunity for development or community use and should not be considered further for advancing community-oriented development.

In the coming months, the BPDA and the Mayor's Office of Housing will use both the report and the ongoing PLAN: Charlestown neighborhood planning process to accelerate community visioning for the Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) parking lots. This process will analyze the opportunities to build transit-oriented affordable housing and meet other neighborhood needs identified by the neighborhood and stakeholders in PLAN: Charlestown. All sites located in active planning studies will have a separate dedicated public process as a follow-up to visioning completed through a neighborhood planning study.

Like all BPDA and City-owned parcels in the City of Boston, any Request for Proposal (RFP) released for public land will be required to respond to the BPDA's Diversity and Inclusion evaluation requirements, and outline commitments to include Minority and Women-owned business enterprises (M/WBEs) in all aspects of their development. The criteria is weighted at 25 percent of the total evaluation of each proposal.

The City welcomes residents to share suggestions for potential uses on the City's vacant land via this feedback form. To review the full land audit report, visit boston.gov/housing/city-

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Attend Saturday Morning Walks hosted every Saturday beginning Saturday, June 4 and ending Saturday, September 24. The group will be meeting at the Franklin Park Golf Course Clubhouse located on 1 Circuit Dr, Dorchester, MA at 9:15 AM and walking starts at 9:30 AM. This is a great way for people to get fit and build connections with others in the Greater Boston area.

MAYOR WU ANNOUNCES CURBSIDE FOOD WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

Building on her commitment to make Boston a Green New Deal City, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Public Works Department announced that a curbside food waste collection program with rolling online enrollment is now available. Food waste collection will align with residents'

DONNA SUMMER DISCO PARTY

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment will host Celebration of Summer: Donna Summer Disco Party on Thursday, June 16 on Copley Square. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public and will take place between 6PM and 9PM. This annual event celebrates the start of summer with the music of Donna Summer! More info at boston.gov.

COPLEY SQUARE FARMERS MARKET REOPENS

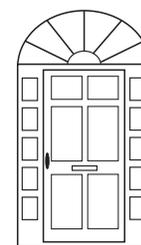
The Copley Square Market runs on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11AM - 6PM for more information, go to massfarmers-markets.org.

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BVHDC discusses signage; revisions to guidelines

By Lauren Bennett

The Bay Village Historic District Commission (BVHDC) discussed a signage proposal for Charles St. Dental, to be located at 121 Charles St. South at its June 14 hearing. The Commission also discussed the status of updating its regulatory standards.

121 CHARLES ST. SOUTH
At 121 Charles St. South, Charles Street Dental is looking to install a wall sign above the windows, as well as a blade sign to the left of that.

Contractor Ricky Zeng said that the wall sign will be an aluminum bar with silver PVC lettering. The sign will not have any lighting, and the proposed blade sign is a black square sign with white PVC lettering.

"They'll be installed into mortar joints," said Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission. "When they need to be removed, they won't damage the face of the brick."

The Commissioners asked for a refresher of Bay Village signage guidelines, which Cornish provided. He said that all signs in the Bay Village historic district are "subject to the Boston Sign Code, no illuminated or backlit signs are allowed, no floodlight-

ing," and signs must "complement the architectural character of the building and neighborhood." Additionally, billboards are prohibited from the district.

There was some discussion about the font of the signs as well as concerns from Commissioners that the two did not relate well to each other.

Zeng said that the font is the same for the two signs.

"I think that the silver big sign is really handsome," said Commissioner Kathleen McDermott, adding that she appreciates the smaller size for the "St." on the wall sign.

"The blade sign kind of seems like it's from a different place," she said, and "doesn't seem to connect visually to the sign that's over the windows."

Commissioner Tom Hotaling agreed with her. "They're kind of fighting each other a bit," he said. Commissioner Ruth Knopf agreed that the wall sign is "very attractive," but the blade sign does not seem to fit with the theme.

Daniel Kim from the applicant team thanked the Commission for their input, adding that "we did think about it, and the way we approached it is that the silver letter sign above the windows had the benefit of having the brick wall as the contrast."

He said that a difference

between the two signs is that "Street" is spelled out on the blade sign, but abbreviated to "St." on the wall sign, so he said this could be contributing to the Commissioners noticing that they look like different fonts.

McDermott wondered if there might be other options the applicant can explore when it comes to the blade sign to make it better relate to the wall sign.

"That's very consistent with the questions that we asked ourselves," Kim said. He said that the team walked up and down Newbury and Boylston Streets to see how other businesses used signage. He said for certain places, such as Shake Shack, "the blade sign and letter signs above the windows are rarely matched with each other."

He said that the background required for the blade sign provides sort of a "limitation" that the wall sign does not face, as it can use the brick building as a background.

Commissioner Anne Kilguss suggested abbreviating "Street" to "St." on the blade sign as well. "I think you've done a lovely job by and large," she said.

The Commissioners agreed that they would like to see other options for the blade sign that did not change the color or size of the proposed sign.

"We can show you a couple

different versions," Kim said. "Great feedback, thank you."

Cornish said that the Commission received a letter from Sarah Herlihy on behalf of the Bay Village Neighborhood Association, saying that the organization voted not to oppose the signs. "People liked it and thought it was elegant," Cornish said, referencing the letter.

The Commission voted to approve the wall sign and requested that mockups for a different version of the blade sign be presented at the July 12 BVHDC hearing.

DISCUSSION OF REVISED REGULATORY STANDARDS

The BVHDC is looking to revise its regulatory standards so it can have jurisdiction over more items than it currently does.

"I'm pleased to report I have a good path forward," Cornish said. He said that in order to make these changes, an amendment needs to be made to the city ordinance that established the historic district.

"There are three items that are accepted in the ordinance: paint color on materials other than masonry; lighting at entryways; and elevations visible from a public way," he said. Right now, the Commission does not have true purview over rear elevations, "and in some cases side

elevations," Cornish said.

He said that the goal is for the Commission to be able to review "all elevations of a building that are visible from a public way," similar to other landmark commissions in the city, such as Back Bay and the South End.

"Because it's a city ordinance, it's not that complicated of a process," Cornish said. "We will have to go through the City Council, and I've made contact with Councilor Bok's office." He said he will continue to be in touch with her about the process for amending the ordinance.

One the ordinance is amended, the revised guidelines can be adopted by the Commission.

Cornish said he hopes to receive all comments on the new guidelines from Commissioners by July 5, so they can be discussed at the July 12 hearing. "Hopefully at that hearing we will have a draft we're happy with," he said.

He also said that the draft guidelines will be available online for public viewing, and feedback from the public can be reported on at the August hearing.

If the amendment to the ordinance can be made by the end of the summer, the guidelines can be adopted in September, Cornish said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SWEET & SOUR, LLC ABUTTERS MEETING RESCHEDULED

The abutters meeting for Sweet & Sour, LLC, originally scheduled for May 31 at 6pm via Zoom, has been rescheduled to June 21 at 6pm. Mayor's Liaison Kim Crucioli said that the reason for the reschedule is that there were concerns about the lack of notice for the meeting and the applicant decided to re-flyer the neighborhood.

STROLL IN CHESTER PARK WITH LOCAL HISTORIAN ALISON BARNET

Mass. Ave's history is so culturally rich! You are invited to walk with Alison Barnet as she makes it real for us, telling of the people and events that have made this place very special. The walk will take place on Sunday, June 19, from 1-2pm. Interested residents should meet at Jugos

Supr4eme at 502 Mass. Ave. and RSVP to Sara Mitchell at smitchell.chap@gmail.com. The event is limited to 12 people.

FETE DE LA MUSIQUE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Saturday, June 25, Community Music Center of Boston is having their annual Fete de la Musique, a free outdoor festival hosted by CMCB with performances and family-friendly activities at parks throughout Boston's South End neighborhood. One site has a sensory-friendly tent for families and children to enjoy specially tailored performances. Events run from 3-6pm, with many volunteer opportunities, ranging from helping move equipment, being an usher, headcounts of attendees, scooping ice cream, and more. Naturally, all volunteers get to enjoy the lovely music and some fun on the summer solstice! Contact Jessica

Chen at CMCB to sign up.

APPLICATION FOR POP-UP COOLING KITS

The City of Boston, acting through Climate Ready Boston (CRB), is granting 30 Pop-up Cooling Kits ("cooling kits") to community based organizations (CBOs) that have public events this summer with access to potable water. The cooling kits are mobile water misting tents designed for short-term use to easily set up and disassemble and provide immediate cooling. Each cooling kit includes a hose, misters, and a tent to set up at public outdoor events throughout the summer. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Please apply ASAP as kits are limited. Apply at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7VhVTQ8mjPj9xTGj2g7u4s-C76wHVzLjBwtcSw5aAIBH-Mi5w/viewform>.

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face parking lots. As detailed in the LOI, the Proposed Project would revitalize the site with the construction of an approximately 553,000 gross square foot project, including approximately 498,000 square feet of office/research and development space, approximately 20,000 square feet of retail/restaurant/service and accessory uses and facilities on the ground-floor, approximately 30,000 square feet of enclosed loading and back of house space, approximately 5,000 square feet of civic/cultural space, and over half an acre of landscaped green space, with underground parking to support the building's programming."

The proposed height for the

project is about 182 feet, but up to 115 feet is allowed per zoning, and the proposed Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is around 5.4. The allowed FAR is 5.5.

The entire project will also feature about 416 below grade parking spaces.

The project manager for this project is Michael Sinatra, who can be reached at michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov. The BPDA project page will be updated periodically with public meeting notices and other information about the project, and can be found at bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/1400-boylston-street.

CALL 781-485-0588 TO GET YOUR AD IN THE DIRECTORY TODAY.

Boston Public Market welcomes the Pine Bar, celebrating New England beers, wines and spirits

Boston Public Market, the indoor, year-round marketplace featuring New England artisans and food entrepreneurs, is proud to announce the long-awaited debut of its much-anticipated venture with a great local partner: The Pine Bar, a full-service cocktail bar serving beers, wines, and spirits made in New England. Other cocktail ingredients like produce, dairy, juices, and sweeteners will highlight Boston Public Market vendors. The Pine Bar, owned and operated by The Filmark Hospitality Group and managing partner Phil Frattaroli will open Thursday, June 16.

“From the conception of the Boston Public Market, it’s been our goal to add a bar, a place for locals and visitors alike to convene and raise a glass to the unifying power of food and to celebrate the bounty of New England,” said Boston Public Market CEO Cheryl Cronin. “To check this item off our bucket list, while partnering with a local entrepreneur who understands our region’s history and the importance of local sourcing is a dream we can’t wait to share with all our patrons.”

The Filmark Hospitality Group — the team behind North End restaurants Ristorante Lucia, Filippo Ristorante, Ducali Pizzeria and Caffé Ducali, and East Boston’s Cunard Tavern — aims for The Pine Bar to be another example of their commitment to both the North End and New England. The Pine Bar patrons and Boston Public Market visitors can pull up a stool at the bar to enjoy their beverages, or place an order and wander the Market drink-in-hand. Hungry patrons can also purchase food from any Boston Public Market vendor to enjoy at the bar with their local libations.

“With our restaurants in the North End, we strive to give our

customers a taste of our family’s native Italy,” said Philip Frattaroli. “Nearly five decades after my father Filippo moved to Boston and opened Ristorante Lucia on Hanover Street in 1977, our family is proud to be opening The Boston Public Market’s first bar, where we can celebrate our adopted neighborhood of the North End, and the New England region. Bringing local flavors to a modern space, surrounded by innovative small businesses, is the perfect way to usher in a new chapter for our restaurant group.”

Boston Public Market visitors will be able to spot The Pine Bar thanks to its vintage-inspired neon sign above the space that pays homage to The European Restaurant, the first Italian restaurant in Boston which operated a few blocks away from where the Boston Public Market stands. The Pine Bar’s industrial design utilizes materials like steel, wool, glass and concrete. A 10 tap, cast iron draft system is the centerpiece of the space. Split letter menu boards will showcase the bar’s rotating offerings and specials.

Highlights from the opening cocktail menu at The Pine Bar will include:

- Edmonia:
- GrandTen Gin (Dorchester), Short Path Cordial (Everett), Handmade Grenadine, Lemon, Cherry, Apricot
- Parcel 7:
- Boston Harbor Distillery Dark Rum (Dorchester), Handmade Rosemary Simple Syrup, Fresh Lime Juice, Deacon
- Giles Absinthe (Salem)
- The Sacred Cod:
- Triple 8 Vodka (Nantucket), Local Cranberries, Fresh Limes
- Parquet Sour:
- Bully Boy Whiskey (Roxbury), Lemon Juice, Locally Sourced Egg Whites, Simple Syrup, Handmade Fernet Bitters

- 576:
- Putnam Malt Whiskey (Dorchester), Demerara Sugar, Lemon Juice, Lemon Peel

- Bobby’s:
- Short Path Gin (Everett), Fresh Squeezed Oranges, Homemade Grenadine, Dash of Handmade Orange Bitters

The Pine Bar is located near the Hanover Street and Garage Entrances of the Boston Public Market across from Q’s Nuts. The Pine Bar opening hours will be Monday - Wednesday 11AM-10PM; Thursday and Friday 11AM-11PM; Saturday 9AM-11PM; and Sunday 10AM-10PM. For more information and to follow progress, follow the Boston Public Market (@bostonpublicmarket) and The Pine Bar on Instagram (@thepinebarbpm), or visit bostonpublicmarket.org and pinebar-boston.com.

About the Boston Public Market Association:

The Boston Public Market is an indoor, year-round marketplace featuring 30-plus artisans and food producers housed under one roof offering fresh foods, prepared meals, crafts, and specialty items. Everything sold at the Market is produced or originates in Massachusetts or New England, as the seasons allow, including fresh produce, meat and poultry, eggs, dairy, seafood, baked goods, specialty items, crafts, and prepared breakfast, lunch, and dinner options.

As a nonprofit organization, the Boston Public Market Association is a Market on a Mission to nurture local entrepreneurs, educate visitors, celebrate the bounty of all of New England, and cultivate a diverse community around food.

<https://bostonpublicmarket.org/vendors/>



Boston Public Market welcomes the Pine Bar, celebrating New England beers, wines and spirits.

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MAYOR WU'S NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOUR COMES TO PETERS PARK

Story and photos by D. Murphy

Mayor Michelle Wu brought her Neighborhood Coffee Hours to Peters Park in the South End on Friday, June 10.

Mayor Wu told those in attendance that she had been busy as the city seeks to fill the vacant Boston Public Schools superintendent and the Boston Police commissioner seats over the summer, as well as finalizing the city's budget for the next fiscal year.

"We want Boston to be the greatest city in America and a city where everyone can thrive," she said.

Mayor Wu was joined at the event by other elected officials including City Council President Ed Flynn, as well as Reps. Aaron Michlewitz and Jon Santiago, who, due to restricting, will be representing much of the South End previously represented by Rep. Michlewitz, including Peters Park.



: City Council President Ed Flynn puts his touch on the South End mural.



: A Trike Called Funk's Edward Galan and Aaron Myers.



Melinah, a seventh-grader at Cathedral High School who was at Peters Park on a field trip, awaits Mayor Wu's arrival.



K-2 students from the Blackstone School.

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Beacon Hill's Michael McCord of Boston Green Action, and Claire Corcoran of Speak for the Trees.



Rep. Jon Santiago and Alison Barnet, a 57-year resident of the South End and author of five published books.



: Mayor Michelle Wu speaking with constituents.



Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods.



City Council President Ed Flynn, with Ted Pietras and Fernando Requena – both longtime Southenders.



Lauren Lepanto, branch librarian for the South End Branch Library.



Kim Crucioli, Mayor Michelle Wu's neighborhood liaison to the South End.



Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, flanked by Mayor Michelle Wu.



City Council President Ed Flynn, flanked by Rep. Aaron Michlewitz.



Heather Ross of the South End and her Swiss mountain dog, Bowie.



Ben Siegel of the Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee and

EAST BERKELEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SOCIAL AT BRASSERIE

Photos by Lauren Bennett

The East Berkeley Neighborhood Association (EBNA) hosted a spring neighborhood social at Brasserie on June 13, where neighbors mingled and enjoyed light hors d'oeuvres and drinks on the patio.

Remarks were provided by current EBNA President Leslie Fine, as well as former president Ken Smith, State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, and State Rep. Jon Santiago, both of whom will represent different parts of the East Berkeley neighborhood should they be re-elected in November.

Aimee Coolidge, Vice President of Community & Government Relations for Pine Street Inn, was honored by the organization for her more than two decades of service as she prepares to retire.



EBNA president Leslie Fine addresses attendees.



Rep. Aaron Michlewitz provides remarks.

BBAC approves project at 222 Commonwealth Ave; weighs in on 7 Newbury St.

By Lauren Bennett

The Back Bay Architectural Commission (BBAC) met virtually on June 8, where it approved a project at 222 Commonwealth Ave., and heard an advisory review for a new storefront at 7 Newbury St.

222 COMMONWEALTH AVE.

Kyle Coughlin of Grassi Design Group proposed a new application for a previously approved project at 222 Commonwealth Ave, to replace the existing landscaping and fencing in the front and the rear, as well as construct a basement level addition, restore the existing facades, replace the windows, and build a penthouse addition with a deck.

Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission, said that this project had originally been approved in January of last year, but BBAC approvals only last for one year if work is not started, so it needed to come back for an approval again before the proponents can begin work. No changes have been made since the last time the project was approved.

Coughlin said that the existing fire escapes and masonry will be restored, and the proposed roof addition is “not visible from a public way in the front and the

rear.” He said that all windows and doors will fit within existing masonry openings, so no new ones will be created.

He spoke about a proviso that was placed on the previous approval, which was to “push back the wall of that penthouse addition at the rear to align with the chimney, which we’ve done here,” he said. This also created the option to push four heat pumps back from the edge of the roof, which has been done as well.

The rear balconies that were originally proposed have since been removed since they were not approved last time, and all masonry in the rear will also be restored.

Laurie Thomas from the Garden Club of the Back Bay had some comments about the proposed trees and the planter in the back. She referenced the proposed magnolia tree in the rear, saying that she is “not sure magnolias are the best choice for a small planter like that. We usually specify 3.5 to 4.5 inch trees. That looks like a small planter for any tree.”

She suggested a Kwanzan Cherry tree “that might do better in that situation,” and also suggested that the planter be made wider.

“In the front you have a dogwood,” she said, which, again,

“should be a 3.5 to 4.5 inch caliper,” she said. “I would suggest that you try a Rutgers dogwood,” as it is hearty and differs from other types of dogwoods in the neighborhood, which will reduce the chance of eradication from disease.

The Commission approved this proposal with the proviso that the applicant continue working with the Garden Club “to confirm and review the trees” as well as the other plantings in both the front and the rear.

ADVISORY REVIEW: 7 NEWBURY ST.

This was the second advisory review for the proposed project at 7 Newbury St., which is to install a two-story addition to the existing storefront, and in the rear, construct an addition for an elevator. It also includes the renovation of the existing roof for an egress, terrace, and HVAC equipment, as well as infill windows with black architectural panels.

The tenant moving in is Long’s Jewelers, along with Patek Philippe, a luxury watch retailer.

Architect David Silverman said that “since we were here last time, there’s work that we want to show you in the rear of the building in addition to a revised facade design.”

There is an existing cast stone

frame that the new facade will be inserted into, Silverman said, adding that Long’s will occupy all three stories, and Patek Philippe will also be located on the first floor.

He spoke about the roof and how the team is trying to “organize” the deck area and rearrange the HVAC equipment. Between the fire escape and the proposed terrace, the railing will be pulled back so it aligns with the bulkhead. He also said that he doesn’t believe the top of the elevator would be visible from a public way, “but we need to do a bit more work on that.”

For security purposes, the proponents want to infill the rear windows “with some kind of security pane,” Silverman said, but still have them look like windows.

On the front facade, the proposal includes a black stainless steel frame with horizontal sign bands and “a couple of different marbles,” he said, as well as a “decorative metal screen” that does not move. There is also a Long’s flag proposed, which a Commissioner asked about the approvability of.

Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission, said that flags are usually only allowed when one tenant or retailer takes up the entire build-

ing. “I don’t think that’s the case here,” he said.

Sue Prindle of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) said she is “really pleased to hear” that the rear windows on the ground floor “will be changed to something more appropriate.” She also said she hopes to see the elevator override be reduced as much as possible. For the front, “our opinion is that the bay should be back a little but to conform to the zoning and also so that it doesn’t entrap so much from the frame around it,” she said.

Tom High from backbayhouses.org said that he believes the visibility of the “original frame” is “important.”

The team said they “truly appreciate the comments” from the Commission and will take them into consideration when they go back to their plans and make adjustments.

No vote was taken on this proposal as it was an advisory review—a chance for the Commission and the public to make suggestions to improve the proposal before it comes for an official vote.

EAST BERKELEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SOCIAL AT BRASSERIE



Aimee Coolidge who is set to retire from Pine Street Inn after more than 25 years, where she served as the organization's Vice President of Community & Government Relations addresses the crowd.



Rep. Jon Santiago provides remarks



Jane and Chris Brayton chat with State Rep. Jon Santiago.



East Berkeley area neighbors enjoy each other's company.



State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz chats with EBNA President Leslie Fine.



Ruthann Sevinor, Steve Burns, and Rachel Shoicket.

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Local students honored at Annual BPS Valedictorian Luncheon

By John Lynds

For over two decades the Boston Public School's (BPS) annual valedictorian luncheon has honored students from every neighborhood that have the highest academic achievements in their respective high schools.

After a two year hiatus the 24th Annual BPS Valedictorian Luncheon returned in person at Fenway Park with Mayor Michelle Wu, Superintendent Brenda Cassellius and the Boston School Committee paying tribute to the best and brightest graduating seniors.

Among the students honored at Fenway Park this year were valedictorians from high schools in the Back Bay, South End and Fenway who all had the privilege and honor of delivering the keynote address at his high school

graduations this month.

Redjhina Cazeau was the valedictorian of McKinley Preparatory High School, Stanley Theodat was the valedictorian of McKinley South End Academy, South End resident Jenny Tran was valedictorian of Josiah Quincy Upper School and Hazel McLaughlin was valedictorian of Muriel S. Snowden International School at Copley.

Cazeau is undecided as to where she will end up and the fall and Theodat has decided to take a year off to work. Tran will attend Northeastern University in the fall while McLaughlin will attend Boston University.

"I am so excited to see you all," Mayor Wu told the honorees. "I've been really looking forward to this and my heart is bursting with pride for each one of you knowing how much you

have fought through and barreled forward over the last couple of years. You are truly the pride of your families, your city, your communities, and you are the future that we're counting on. So I'm really excited and very honored and grateful to be here and to share this stage."

Wu told the graduating valedictorians that as they move on for high school they will face a really challenging moment.

"It's a challenging moment for each one of our families after what we have experienced over the last couple of years," said Wu. "I hope the valedictorians in this room recognize what they have experienced will be a source of strength as they forever move forward. The fact that you are where you are right now, despite the impossible happening at home, at school, in all the lives of

people across the neighborhoods of Boston, shows just how ready you are to emerge and carry forward our city." Superintendent Cassellius took the opportunity to thank the student's parents and guardians for their unwavering support of each valedictorian during these trying two years. "A special recognition to the parents and guardians who are here at our tables," said Cassellius. "Parents and families are our children's first teachers and moments like today are just a testament to the unwavering support and guidance that you all bring to your children. So to all the adults who have guided our young minds, helping them to become the students and scholars and leaders that they are today. Well done and thank you so much."

Cassellius then went on to

offer some advice to the students.

"I thought of three things to share with you," she said. "The first is to never let others define you. You get to decide your identity. You get to decide who you love, and you get to decide what your contributions are going to be in this world. Second, be mindful of the choices that you make these next several years as you embark on this new journey because the choices you make today, impact what choices are available tomorrow. And third, don't beat yourself up. If you do make a poor choice or mistake, look at what went wrong and think through it and learn from it. I wish I had learned this earlier. All of us here know that you are already hard working and that you certainly know how to persevere through tough times and that you don't give up."

Elected officials demand better mitigation for Sumner Tunnel Toll project

By John Lynds

Local residents got the first taste of what it is going to be like living with the scheduled weekend closures of the Sumner Tunnel for the next 36 weeks that will culminate in a full closure of the tunnel for four months next spring.

Gridlock on Saturday and Sunday in Boston, Chelsea and Revere was horrendous as traffic heading into Boston was rerouted to the Ted Williams Tunnel and Tobin Bridge.

This week, Mayor Michelle Wu sent a letter to MassDOT administrators that was signed by elected officials, as well as elected officials in Revere, demanding more meaningful mitigation as the project progresses like a free Blue Line for residents as well as continuing ferry service between Eastie and the North End.

"With thirty-six weekend closures and a continuous four-month closure next year, this project will have major impacts on the people who live and work in the neighborhoods that rely on the tunnel," wrote Wu in the letter. "The impact will not only be felt on the highways, but also on local streets near the Sumner and along alternative routes. Travel between East Boston and Downtown will be disrupted, and the resulting congestion is likely to impact emergency response and bus service. In addition to the transporta-

tion impacts, the nature of the construction work is likely to be disruptive to residents in East Boston and the North End who live near the tunnel."

While Wu said her Administration and her elected colleagues representing the neighborhood appreciate the mitigation measures MassDOT has already committed to—including greening and beautifying the tunnel portals, extending toll discounts for tunnel communities to the Tobin Bridge, and undertaking efforts to minimize noise, vibration, dust, and pests—more needs to be done.

"However, we believe that additional steps are needed to address the impacts of this project on our neighborhoods," wrote Wu. "Alongside toll discounts, MassDOT should direct project mitigation funds to the MBTA to provide free fares on the Blue Line whenever the tunnel is closed. This will encourage people to use transit rather than drive on alternate routes and will reduce the financial strain on residents. Fare gates should be opened along the entire line so that residents are not burdened with enrolling in a special pass program."

Wu also called for resuming the ferry service that successfully ran between Eastie and the North End during a two week closure of the Blue Line by the MBTA in May.

"This service, which was

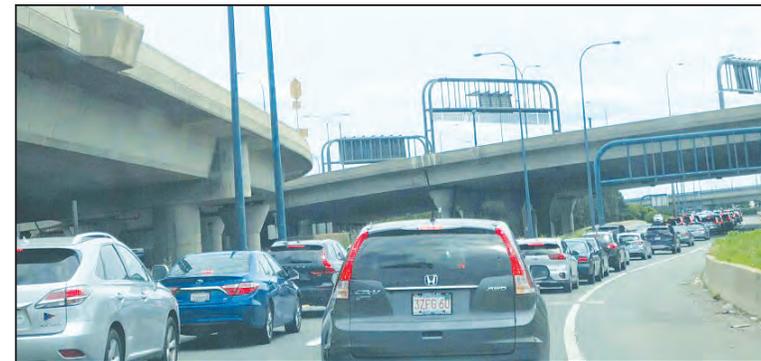
successfully piloted during the recent Blue Line disruptions, should be continued throughout the upcoming tunnel closures," she wrote. "We support the \$1 million in funding secured by the Massachusetts Legislature to expand ferry service. Offering weekday and weekend ferry service prior to the full closure next summer will help people adjust their travel patterns to incorporate water transportation and can serve as a "dry run" for potential permanent service."

To further encourage MBTA ridership Wu called on MassDOT's parking lot near the Wood Island station to be opened for use by East Boston residents. In addition, MassDOT should look for other opportunities to secure parking near Blue Line stations.

Wu would also like to see MassDOT work with Massport to reduce airport car traffic.

"Reducing car trips to and from Logan Airport will help manage congestion in the Ted Williams Tunnel," Wu wrote. "We would like to see more substantial collaboration with Massport, including outreach, traveler and employee incentives, and enhanced transit, including Logan Express service."

Aside from MassDOT officials at previous community meetings leading up to the start of the project that MassDOT is "working with" emergency agencies and "planning" for emergency situations no one has



With the Sumner Tunnel closed, traffic was at a standstill Saturday morning leading into the Ted Williams Tunnel. MassDOT kicked off its Sumner Tunnel restoration project last weekend and the tunnel will be closed every weekend for the next 36 weeks. Elected officials are now calling on MassDOT to provide more meaningful mitigation for residents impacted by the project.

seen a concrete plan. At a press availability with MassDOT officials last week there were calls for Eastie residents to be provided with a solidified plan of emergency vehicle routes, designated hospitals that will be used, and projected travel times for emergency vehicles to Downtown during rush hour when the tunnel is closed.

"We are gravely concerned about the impact of the tunnel closures on emergency response times, especially for those in need of urgent transportation to a hospital," wrote Wu. "To address these concerns, MassDOT should share a detailed plan for ambulance access across the harbor and the steps taken to ensure that precious minutes are not lost in a medical emergency."

Wu also called for MassDOT

to fund an overnight shift for Eastie's second EMS unit, which currently operates 16 hours/day. This will support adequate coverage when transport time for patients increases due to tunnel closure and allow proactive positioning of EMS units. Wu added that MassDOT should also establish a real-time link between the Highway Operations Center and Boston EMS dispatch to provide alerts on severe congestion or incidents in the Ted Williams Tunnel when the Sumner Tunnel is closed.

Wu's letter was signed by State Representative's Adrian Madero, Jessica Giannino of Revere, Jeff Turco of Winthrop, State Senator Lydia Edwards, Boston City Councilors Gabriela Coletta and Ed Flynn and Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Colatosti, Amber	Rosenbaum, Grazia F	258-260 Beacon St #5	\$2,995,000
Glimcher, Laurie H	Sullivan, Paul G	17 Commonwealth Ave #1	\$6,475,000
Rechenbach, Rune	Conklin, Gretchen	160 Commonwealth Ave #315	\$519,000
Salyak, Laurie S	Troy, Julia L	169 Commonwealth Ave #2	\$900,000
Deantonis, David	Alison A Hancock RET	7 Fairfield St #3	\$1,175,000
Dario, Kerry B	13-1 Gloucester LLC	13 Gloucester St #1	\$2,275,000
Fagan-Pardy, Christina	TFC RT	380 Marlborough St #4	\$1,265,000
Ahlgren, John P	Hou, Hanping	447 Marlborough St #1	\$1,380,000
BEACON HILL			
Goatley, Danielle	Constitution Prop LLC	375 Charles St #2D	\$650,000
Kupke, Kenneth	Lee, William C	44 Chestnut St #3	\$1,780,000
Dasilva, Joao M	Cahill, Patrick R	45 Garden St #8	\$705,000
Rajpurkar, Aparna R	Ioven, Mary C	2 Hawthorne Pl #10B	\$465,000
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Silber, Jeffrey L	Hawpet LP	9 Hawthorne Pl #12D	\$875,000
Ragone, John S	Manning, Timothy R	65 Mount Vernon St #7	\$800,000
Rosenberg, Jacob M	Boscia, John J	50 Pinckney St #3	\$745,000
RH 503 Nominee RET	James F Whipple T	145 Pinckney St #503	\$580,000
Tsurumi, Amy	Wood, Ryan	6 Whittier Pl #15G	\$405,000
Goatley, Danielle	Constitution Prop LLC	6 Whittier Pl #2D	\$650,000
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BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Zhu, Kathleen L	Johnson, Richard V	3 Appleton St #502	\$720,000
Park, Soo H	27-2 Braddock Park RT	27 Braddock Park #2	\$2,848,880
Demol-Vanotterloo, H W	Shields, John R	1 Charles St S #12C	\$2,162,500
Reeve, Adam	Pappas-Jentz, Panagiota	17 Cortes St #1	\$1,250,000
27-2 Braddock Park RT	Alekna, John N	505 Tremont St #418	\$2,525,000
Lavi, Victor	Kennedy, Ryan	232 W Canton St #1	\$1,925,000
Erdin, Ethem Y	Cooper, Nicholas M	587 Beacon St #41	\$756,000
Talanian, Michael	Bounds, Chad	40 Fay St #502	\$905,000
Corman, Jeffrey L	Bradford Jr, William	107 Jersey St #5	\$435,000
Russ, Paul	J&W 468 Park Drive LLC	468 Park Dr #2	\$2,000,000
Bilodeau, Michael	Heffner, Garrett C	24 Peterborough St #E	\$565,000
Ellie House LLC	JC Botolph LLC	169 Saint Botolph St	\$4,133,000
Ho, Catherine	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #1010	\$619,900
Ciotti, Jenna	Goettle, Stephen R	462 Shawmut Ave #2	\$1,570,000
Arnowitz, Seth J	Wang, William H	12 Stoneholm St #612	\$706,000
Sparr, Maxwell	Selander, Russell	2 Union Park St #1	\$2,200,000
Erdman, John	Colacray, Marianne	163 W Brookline St #1	\$1,799,000
Kaplan, Luke	Mango, Mackenzie A	204 W Brookline St #3	\$1,010,000
Meixner, David P	Kelleher, Mary	1313 Washington St #206	\$2,080,000
Wang, Xuemei	J H Ernstoff T 2014	1387 Washington St #504	\$945,000
Hong FT	Theodore J Hill T 2012	1597 Washington St #505	\$1,100,000
Papadakis, Konstantinos	1950 Wa Street LLC	1948-1950 Washington St #3G	\$221,900
French, Mary E	Engel, Ashley	67 Worcester St #5	\$855,000
Cohen, Daniel	KF Curran RT	71 Worcester St #5	\$852,500
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Lee, Nora	Yvonne Chen T	3 Avery St #607	\$592,000
Hampus, Lindholm	A&M A Milano-Picardi FT	40 Battery St #307&8	\$4,050,000
Griffith, Loredana P	L Mazzarella T 2003	343 Commercial St #305	\$1,800,000
Townsend, Neil	33 A Commercial Wharf LL	33 Commercial Wharf #33A	\$2,150,000
Ryan, Joseph F	Clayton, George	1 Franklin St #2612	\$2,210,000
Zdorovtsov, Volodymyr	Egholm, Michael	1 Franklin St #3104	\$2,590,000
Barker, James M	Holland, Colin	139 Fulton St #5	\$1,104,000
Cai, Ping C	Farbman, David A	151 Tremont St #6P	\$911,000
Li, Ning	Breitstein, Nick	165 Tremont St #501	\$2,000,000
Dipetrillo, Thomas	Williams, Lorena	170 Tremont St #506	\$680,000
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BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER

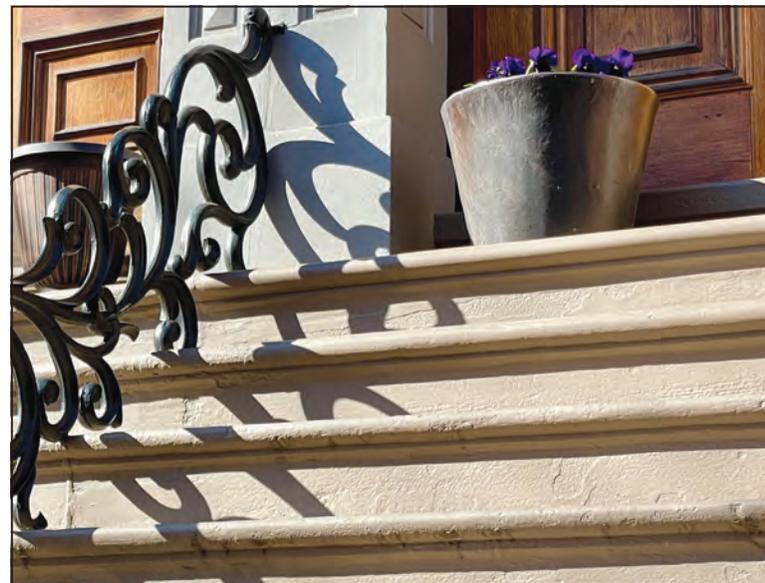


The window in the last clue is on 153 Bay State Road built in 1893 and designed by architects Wheelwright and Mason. This building's front doorway is considered a good example of the Colonial Revival Architectural style that Wheelwright and Mason favored.

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