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## WELOVEU VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP SOUTHWEST CORRIDOR PARK



City Councilor Ed Flynn and State Rep. Jon Santiago joined President of the Southwest Corridor Park Conservancy Franco Campanello and WeLoveU volunteers on August 7 for a cleanup of the park. See story and more photos on Page 5.

## BVHDC discusses proposals on Charles St. and Shawmut St.

By Lauren Bennett

The Bay Village Historic District Commission (BVHDC) met virtually on August 9, where it discussed two proposals: one at 121 Charles St., and one at 18 Shawmut St.

### 121 CHARLES ST.

At 121 Charles St. Daniel Kim

is proposing to open Charles St. Dental, and has recently come before the Commission to get the signage approved. He was back on Tuesday to have a variety of other work approved, including the installation of a new air intake grille in the soffit above the entry door, replace the existing ventilation grille in the rear,

install a new fire alarm beacon, and replace the existing egress door.

The project's business development manager said that the building is unsprinklered, and the alarm system is required by the city to be updated.

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## ZBA approves vet clinic on Beacon St. in the Fenway

By Lauren Bennett

The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) on August 9 approved a veterinary clinic proposed for 839-843 Beacon St. in the Fenway.

Thrive Pet Care has proposed to open a 2400 square foot location on Beacon St. that will fea-

ture four exam rooms, an x-ray suite, a surgery suite, and a treatment area. This appeared before the ZBA because the vet clinic is a forbidden use in this area.

Attorney Dennis Quilty explained that this building was newly constructed, having received permits in 2013 for two ground floor commercial

retail spaces, one of which will be occupied by Thrive Pet Care. Above the retail space will be 45 residential units.

Quilty said that an abutters meeting was held on April 19, "followed by a meeting and series of discussions with the

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## 12 Hemenway St. only project included in latest Berklee IMP

By Dan Murphy

The latest two-year extension to Berklee School of Music's Institutional Master Plan will only include one project – the proposed renovation and conversion of an existing four-story building at 12 Hemenway St. into student housing, according to school officials on hand for the city-sponsored, virtual Aug. 3 meeting of the IMP Task Force.

The 30,000 square-foot building currently permitted as a lodging house would need a zoning variance from the city to change its usage to a residence hall, which would contain 110 beds in 63 units. (Berklee purchased the building in December of 2020 with the intention of renovating it into a residence hall, said school officials. ) The scope of the proposed renovations entails accessibility improvements, including the installation of an elevator and replacing an outdoor lift with an internal Lula (limited use/limited application)

system; restoring the building's façade; and repairing its roof, according to representatives for Berklee.

The building will be occupied through the end of December, so the approximately nine-month construction project is expected to kick off next January to be ready in time for the fall 2023 semester, said Richard Hisey, Berklee's senior vice president for Administration and Finance, chief financial officer, and chief investment officer. (Hisey will step down from his current role at the end of this month and subsequently continue to serve as the school's chief investment officer.)

Berklee's plan to convert 12 Hemenway St. into a residence hall will also help the school achieve its goal of housing 50 percent of its student population on campus - up from the current rate of 25 percent, said Kaitlin Passafaro, Berklee's vice president of government and com-

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## FENCE ARTWORK AROUND EMBRACE MEMORIAL SITE UNVEILED



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Harry Scales' photography is featured on the recently unveiled fence artwork. Scales is one of six Boston-based BIPOC photographers and digital artists whose work is showcased along the fence. See more photos on Page 7.

# EDITORIAL

## RECORD HEAT? BRING IT ON!

To paraphrase Bob Dylan, we don't need a weatherman to tell us how hot it has been these past few weeks.

Still, even we were surprised to learn that the past 21 days have set a record for the hottest 21-day period in Boston history.

The combination of the extreme heat and the lack of rainfall has browned our lawns and dead-headed our flower beds, although the abundant sun has given us a bumper crop of tomatoes, which we water by hand in their pots on our patio.

We realize that the onset of the high heat and humidity these past few weeks is not everyone's cup of tea.

But for those of us who crave this kind of weather, summer finally has arrived.

Our fondest childhood and young-adult memories are of languid summer days; as if perhaps the heat seared them into our brains.

Playing in summer basketball leagues in the early evening, when the heat was radiating off the asphalt courts and we would end up drenched in sweat -- well, that was the best.

Admittedly, we do not have the same tolerance for summer heat and humidity -- especially the humidity -- that we had when we were much younger.

On the other hand, the feel of a hot breeze on our face brings us back to the carefree days of our youth like nothing else can.

## OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN

Although Olivia Newton-John was Australian (by way of England), for a period in the 1970s and '80s, she was America's sweetheart, the proverbial girl next door.

She'd already had great success as a singer in the mid-70s, but her appearance in the movie Grease in 1978 catapulted her to international fame and acclaim.

Even at the height of her stardom, her genuineness as a person shone through. It was her down-to-earth qualities that made her the perfect spokesperson for breast cancer when she disclosed that she had been stricken with the disease in the early 1990s while barely 40 years old.

Her courageous fight for the next three decades, and her tireless advocacy for research and adequate care for victims, will be her greatest legacy.

Still, we'll always think of Olivia Newton-John as Sandy, her iconic character in Grease, to whom the millions of her fans always will be hopelessly devoted.

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## Next month's Mass Ave. Coalition Festival among topics discussed at CSN monthly meeting

By Dan Murphy

The upcoming Mass Ave Coalition Festival was among the topics discussed at Chester Square Neighbors' Aug. 3 virtual meeting.

The festival, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 18, will be immediately preceded by the dedication of Jazz Square at Columbus and Massachusetts avenues, which starts at 12:30 p.m., and will include a performance by a jazz band from the New England Conservancy. The musicians will then lead guests one block to Chester Square Park for the festival, which takes place from 1 to 4 p.m., said Carol Blair, president of CSN.

Ken Field's Revolutionary Snake Ensemble, in two four-piece jazz bands, will provide music for the festival. The two bands will alternate playing on both sides of the street before joining together to play at the end of the event.

"One will start with jazz on one side of the park, then the two bands will bridge Mass Ave with music, and then the second band will finish with jazz on the other side," Blair wrote in an email.

The festival will also feature an interactive Mass Ave history exhibit displayed on the park fences, as well as a presentation of Mass Ave data hosted by Northeastern University Professor Michelle Borkin.

"Prof. Michelle Borkin has worked with us over several semesters, having her students create data visualizations, often interactive, to help us understand our area better," Blair wrote. "She's excited to bring her students and their work to the festival."

Blair asked for volunteers to recruit neighborhood businesses to donate coupons or offer a QR code for a "freebie," or discounted item available for a limited time, to festival-goers. She also requested help in locating an electrical source or amplifier for the bass players for the two respective bands, as well as "a few sources of electricity" to power on-site computers and a popcorn maker.

The Mass Ave Coalition has also been in touch with Roxbury

Main Streets and South End Business Alliance about business participation in the festival, according to Blair.

"The Mass Ave Coalition sees a 15-minute city here. It seems we can get most of our needs met within a 15-minute walk," she wrote. "To promote the many opportunities at our Sept 18 festival, we'll have a map where people can flag their favorite destination. We'd also like to invite South End and Nubian Square businesses to participate by providing a coupon or a code, for a discount or a freebie. So far, the festival, which will happen in Chester Park, has funding from Boston Medical Center and Northeastern University, bands from Jazz Boston and New England Conservatory, and volunteers from four neighborhood associations."

Bob Barney of the Worcester Square Neighborhood Association – one of the organizations collaborating on the Mass Ave Coalition, along with CSN, the Claremont Neighborhood Association, and the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association – said someone from his group would help develop a website for the festival, while a flyer to promote the event is also in the works, said Blair.

To track attendance at the

festival, Sara Mitchell suggested creating an area for guests to sign in, or perhaps holding a raffle to help facilitate the process.

In another matter, between 12 and 15 guests turned out for the Mass Ave History Walk on June 19, said Mitchell.

The walk kicked off at JUGOS Supremo juice bar at 502 Massachusetts Ave. before making its way to the Ebenezer Baptist Church at 157 West Springfield St. and going up that side of Mass Ave. The route then crossed Shawmut Avenue and headed back down Mass Ave in the opposite direction, said Mitchell, who added that lemonade was served to guests at the conclusion of the walk.

Next month's Mass Ave Coalition Festival could "build on the same history" that was incorporated into the History Walk, said Blair.

The History Walk was on also captured on video by Barney, added Blair, and a volunteer is now being sought to help edit the footage.

Meanwhile, a "stoop party" was scheduled outside a CSN member's Mass Ave home for members and neighbors, with light refreshments served, on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

## KEEP THE TREES WATERED

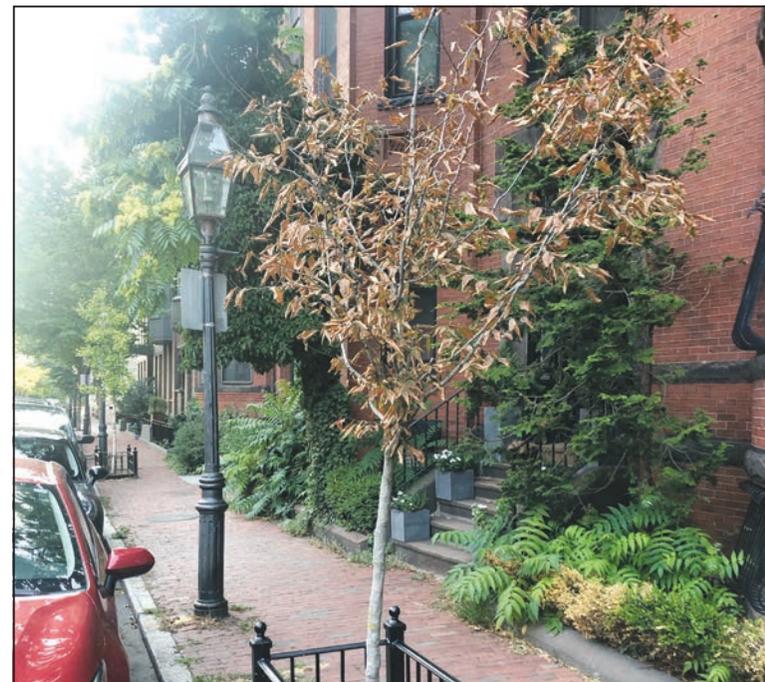


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A street tree on the 400 block of Marlborough St. that needs watering. George Lewis and other residents have urged the watering of street trees, both city planted and private, during the drought.

# Facades of three historic buildings to be integrated into 65 Wareham St. redevelopment project

By Dan Murphy

The facades of three historic Wareham Street buildings will be preserved and integrated into the design of a redevelopment project that proposes razing five dilapidated South End buildings to make way for a five-story office/laboratory building, according to members of the project team on hand for the first city-sponsored Impact Advisory Group (IAG) meeting for 65 Wareham St., which was held virtually on Monday, Aug. 8.

South End-based Transom

Real Estate and Camber Development of Boston, together with Wheelock Street Capital of Greenwich, Conn., intend to build a new 79,600 square-foot building containing approximately 2,000 square feet of first-floor retail and around 44 below-grade parking spaces. (The existing building on the site contain approximately 43,425 square feet of space and a surface lot with approximately 20 off-street parking spaces, so the net gain will be 35,175 square feet of net new gross floor-area and 24 additional off-street parking

spaces.) The project site is an approximately 19,921 square-foot parcel comprising 65-69, 71-73, and 75-79 Wareham St. and 52-56 Plympton St., and the site is bordered by Wareham and Plympton streets between Albany Street and Harrison Avenue.

Construction on the project is expected to commence in early-to mid-2023, according to members of the project team.

Peter Spellios, a principal with Transom Real Estate, said the proposed design would preserve the facades of three existing Wareham Street buildings and



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A rendering of the mixed-use project proposed for 65 Wareham St.

incorporate them as an “integral” part of the project.

Spellios said this plan is also unique in that it’s only the second time in his career that he has seen

a project that fully complies will all of the zoning requirements in place for the neighborhood and

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## BVHDC (from pg. 1)

He said that the HVAC system is also old and needs upgrading, and to do so, fresh air needs to be brought into the building via a new intake grille in the soffit in the front of the building. It will be located by the existing recessed lights, he said.

The proposed fire alarm signaling device will only flash if the alarm goes off, and will allow the fire department to know where the fire is, he said.

“Lastly, we are in order to maintain means of egress” through the existing side door, but it must swing out. The current door swings in and has a cage over it. The business development manager said that the cage would be removed, and the door would be replaced with one

that swings open. The door has to be steel, but could be painted any color, and the team is open to suggestions from the Commission, he said.

“Everything looks great,” said Commissioner Steve Dunwell. He said that the location for the air intake grille is a “good solution.”

He did, however, have a couple of questions about the egress door, which was proposed to have a handle to open it. Dunwell suggested that a push bar on the inside would work best, as a handle “might be tempting” for people from the outside.

The current door is white, but the Commission suggested a darker color, such as a gray, that would help it blend in better.

Commissioners seemed to agree that gray was the best choice, and voted to approve the project. The team will consult with staff on final color selection.

### 18 SHAWMUT ST.

At 18 Shawmut St., Gerry DiPierro of DiPierro Construction proposed to install a blade sign on an existing bracket for his client, who owns a family psychological center called Katalyst.

The owner is moving her business from New Hampshire to Boston, and will run it out of the building at 18 Shawmut St.

DiPierro pointed out an existing bracket on the building next door at 20 Shawmut St., and proposed to install a similar one with the sign at this building.

Commissioner Anne Kilguss wanted to know what the zoning was for Shawmut Ave.

“I know on Fayette St., you can have a professional office there but no employees,” she said.

“There have been businesses on Shawmut St. before,” said Commissioner Steve Dunwell. “There is a precedent for having businesses there.”

After a bit of research, Dunwell reported that 18 Shawmut is a commercial building per the City of Boston.

The Commission then had some questions about sign rules, and Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission, said that right now, they are “a little vague.”

Signs in Bay Village are not to be illuminated, and “materials and design need to complement the district and the architecture of the building,” he said. “It’s sort of open for interpretation.”

The proposed sign included a white background with the

Katalyst logo on it in a darker color, but Cornish said that “I think this sign would look better if it had a dark background and lighter features.”

DiPierro said that he could change the color of the background, and would be willing to work with Cornish on those kinds of details.

“This looks more like a business card and less like a sign,” Dunwell said. “The white is too bright.” He also said that he would like to see the sign photo-shopped onto the building.

Commissioner Tom Hotaling also reiterated that per Commission guidelines, the sign bracket must be installed into mortar joints, which DiPierro was aware of.

The Commission voted to continue this application with the recommendation that a rendering be created of the sign and different options with other colors be presented at the next hearing. Additionally, the bracket must be installed at a height similar to the one at 20 Shawmut St.

## VET CLINIC (from pg. 1)

Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association (ACNA).”

ZBA Chair Christine Araujo asked whether this clinic will include soundproofing as well as whether or not pets will stay at the clinic overnight.

Quilty said that soundproofing will be installed as part of the construction, and no pets will be allowed to stay overnight. He added that Thrive Pet Care agreed to “13 different items” in a letter to ACNA, ranging from things like “hours of operation to cleanliness to signage.”

The clinic’s hours of operation will be from 8am to 7pm Monday through Friday, and 8am to 2pm on Saturday. The clinic will be closed on Sundays.

Conor Newman from the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services said that there has been

an “extensive community process” for this proposal, and the “applicant worked closely with ACNA to ensure that concerns were addressed. At this time, our office is unaware of any lingering concerns.”

The ZBA reported that it has received nine letters of opposition. District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok is in support of this project.

Dolores Boogdian, president of ACNA, said that she was “surprised and dismayed” to hear that the ZBA had received letters in opposition of this proposal.

“We did meet with Thrive Pet Care,” she said, which “made a number of important commitments.” She asked the ZBA to include in its approval that it will be for Thrive Pet Care only, as

well as to include such commitments as: “hours of operation, number of exam rooms, prohibition on overnight boarding, pet and medical waste disposal, soundproofing,” and that all deliveries and pickups be made in the rear and not in the front on Beacon St.

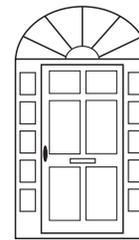
Quilty said that Thrive Pet Care “made a commitment to Ms. Boogdian and the Association,” and “intend fully to live by that agreement.”

The ZBA approved the clinic with the provisos that it is for this petitioner only, the hours of operation will be 8am-7pm Monday through Friday and 8am-2pm on Saturday, there will be no overnight boarding of animals, and all deliveries must be made in the rear.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### BOSTON WARD 4 DEMS ICE CREAM SOCIAL AUG. 20 IN TITUS SPARROW PARK

The Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee is holding its annual ice cream social with Mayor Michelle Wu on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Titus Sparrow Park.

### UPDATE ON FLOOD DAMAGE AT SOUTH END LIBRARY

From the South End Library e-news: The basement flooding in April damaged mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems,

requiring replacements. The Library is engaged in this redesign and the purchase of new equipment. Delays due to supply chain challenges are expected; the estimated time frame is another 6-8 months during which the Library will remain closed. Please don't leave book donations at the door; borrowed books can be returned to the Central Library (or any other branch).

### FREE CONCERTS AT SOUTH END LIBRARY PARK

In spite of the extended closure of the South End Branch, the shows will go on! The below

shows are all on Tuesdays beginning at 6:30pm in the park:

August 16: Sarah Seminski and Friends (jazz and blues)--featuring Pat Loomis

August 29 & 30: International Strings (classical, jazz, popular, and world music)

### NEIGHBORHOOD STREET TREES NEED WATERING

The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association is asking for help watering street trees in the South End, and George Lewis of the Charlesgate Alliance noticed dried up trees in the Back Bay as

well that need watering.

Massachusetts is experiencing drought conditions and our street trees are especially vulnerable. You can help maintain our important urban canopy by watering trees near your home. Here are some important reminders:

- Young trees are especially stressed this summer. If a tree has a gator bag and is staked, it's less than three years old and needs special attention. Fill the gator bag with water (bags hold 20 gallons) by inserting a hose or water container into the slot at the top of the bag between the two layers of plastic. The bag is designed for

slow release and should stay in its original location (usually on the stake, not the tree)

- Even older trees need water during current drought conditions. Try to water 2 – 3 times per week, slowly soaking the entire root base.

- Keep the tree pit area free of litter and debris.

The City of Boston planted the following new trees in the neighborhood in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. If you would like to sign up to "adopt" one of these trees (watering, mulching, cleaning up tree pit), please email [info@ellis-neighborhood.org](mailto:info@ellis-neighborhood.org).

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### BERKLEE IMP (from pg. 1)

munity relations. The school has increased the number of on-campus beds by 40 percent in the past 10 years, she added. (The total enrollment of undergraduate and graduate students for the 2021-22 school year was 5,744, according to Berklee.)

The current two-year IMP, which was filed in June, is a departure from the typical 10-year terms for IMPs in the city, said Passafaro, as well as Berklee's first IMP since merging with The Boston Conservatory in 2016.

Meanwhile, future plans for the Neighborhood Improvement Committee – an all-volunteer group of Fenway residents, organizations, and business led by Berklee to encourage "shared stewardship" of the neighborhood – include expanding it to the Back Bay, as well as codifying the organization with the addition of a charter and hiring consultants to help facilitate this

process.

"This group has proven to be incredibly adept at identifying and addressing issues that impact both Berklee and the area residents, organizations, and businesses," said Passafaro, adding once the charter is in place, Berklee would establish a fund for future NIC beautification projects.

Projects previously proposed in Berklee's and The Boston Conservatory's last IMPs, which were released in 2011 and 2012, respectively, that could potentially be incorporated into the next 10-year IMP for both institutions include: the conversion of an existing parking lot at 134 Ipswich St. into a 200,000 square-foot, multi-use building with academic spaces on the lower levels and student housing above; the renovation of an existing academic building at 161-171 Massachusetts Ave. into a student Health Center on the ground floor of 167 Mass Ave. with academic and performance space above; and the Crossroad project, which would transform current academic and office space at 130 Massachusetts Ave. into a mixed-use development with ground-floor retail, a performance center, academic space, and student housing, said Ashley Mulcahy of the Berklee team.

Rich Giordano, a Task Force member, as well as director of policy and community planning for Fenway CDC (Community Development Corporation), described the conversion into student housing of 12 Hemenway St., which the Fenway CDC

had planned to purchase to create affordable housing before getting outbid, as a "fait accompli," since Berklee has already purchased the building and students have been living there.

But Giordano wants a longer-term commitment from Berklee to return the residence hall at 98 Hemenway St. back to residential use, once the project proposed for the Ipswich Street parking lot, or the Crossroad project, gets underway, whichever one comes first. "I realize that it might take until the next IMP, but I'd like to see it explicitly in there," he said. (Hisey replied that the Ipswich Street project would be included in Berklee's next 10-year IMP.)

Tim Horn, a Task Force member, as well as board president of the Fenway Civic Association, urged Berklee to continue working on the Crossroads project, which he described as a "game-changer for the Master Plan."

Asked how Berklee could ensure that its residence halls would remain an attractive option for students, Hisey responded that Berklee has constantly monitored its room-and-board costs, keeping the cost increase to about 1 percent per year.

"We're filled up...so the students are definitely taking advantage of that, and we use every available bed on the campus," he said. "We're very mindful of the cost to students."

Moreover, Hisey added, "Essentially, all of our first-year students are strongly encouraged, if not required, to house on



PHOTO BY D. MURPHY

The four-story building at 12 Hemenway St. that Berklee School of Music intends to convert into a residence hall.

campus."

Marie Fukuda, a Task Force member, as well as a Fenway Civic Association board member said she wants to see Berklee take a more hand-on, proactive approach with the NIC and its neighborhood stewardship, rather than just issuing grants to neighborhood residents and leaving them to do the beautification work themselves.

"I would like to see Berklee take direct ownership for some of those things we share in spaces we both occupy," she said.

Likewise, City Councilor Kenzie Bok said she hopes one of the things to come out of formalizing the NIC charter would be for Berklee to take more ownership of certain areas in the public

realm, especially in the East Fens, and in "the immediate vicinity of the school's urban campus."

Councilor Bok also looked to the 10-year IMP and underscored the importance of "making sure the goal posts don't move" in terms of Berklee's commitment to housing half of its student body on campus to help address the housing impact and the issue of family displacement in the neighborhood.

The Boston Planning & Development Agency's public-comment period for the Berklee School of Music IMP is open through Aug. 31; visit <http://www.bostonplans.org/planning/institutional-planning/higher-ed/berklee-college-of-music> for more information.

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# WeLoveU volunteers and State Rep. Jon Santiago lead cleanup efforts in Southwest Corridor Park

Staff Report

The Intl. WeLoveU Foundation (WeLoveU) partnered with State Representative Jon Santiago and Franco Campanello, President of the South West Corridor Park Conservancy (SWCPC) to clean up and beautify South West Corridor Park on August 7. From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 30 WeLoveU Volunteers partnered up with Campanello to pull out weeds, place mulch around flower beds, picked up litter and even planted a tree that has not been in that location in 40 years. Volunteers gathered early in the morning before the peak of the heat wave and worked throughout the morning where temperatures

reached close to 100 degrees. The united effort led to the collection of 15 bags of trash and 11 bags of garden refuse totaling to 2500 lbs of waste!

“The Southwest Corridor Park is a symbol of our community that connects many neighborhoods throughout our city. That’s why I am proud to announce \$30,000 in state funding to the Southwest Corridor Park Conservancy for beautification and improvements,” said Jon Santiago, who represents the South End portion of the park. “I am grateful to Franco Campanello and the folks at the Southwest Corridor Park Conservancy for their constant stewardship and dedication to the park.

Their hard work, along with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation, ensure the Corridor remains a welcoming place for all. Lastly, thank you to the WeLoveU foundation for your commitment to our parks and for helping improve our neighborhood.”

According to a recent UNEP pollution report, nine out of 10 people breathe unclean air, making it our time's most significant environmental health risk. In addition, a global assessment of marine litter and plastic pollution revealed that plastics make up 85% of total marine waste. WeLoveU conducts cleanups around forests, beaches, rivers, and more, to reduce air pollution, improve water quality, and enhance ecosystem resilience.

“WeLoveU’s environmental cleanups and tree-planting events are a boots-on-the-ground approach to lessen the amount of litter and pollution in our land, air, and waterways,” explained Duane Ford, executive director of WeLoveU. “This year, our volunteers are excited to share the passion for sustainable efforts with like-minded individuals and companies as we work together to help restore our planet.”

Since 2009, the WeLoveU



WeLoveU volunteers pull weeds in sidewalk cracks along the Southwest Corridor Park as part of a cleanup day on August 7.

Foundation has led an environmental initiative called the Clean WORLD Movement, where volunteers clean up polluted cities, parks, mountains, rivers, and seas, to promote a cleaner world

for the present and future generations. The environmental program has reached 59 countries, with over 1,600 cleanups and more than 267,000 volunteers.



WeLoveU volunteers help beautify flower beds along the Southwest Corridor Park by placing fresh mulch.



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## 65 WAREHAM ST. (from pg. 3)

would therefore require no zoning variances for dimensions or change in use from the city to move forward.

T.J. Stokes, an architect for the project, said it would also comply with a longstanding plan for renovating the area's sidewalks by increasing the curb height to create more “separation and distance” between pedestrians and vehicles.

The project would align with Boston Complete Streets initiative, which aims to give other modes of transportation the same consideration as driving on city streets, said Stokes, while also “preserving light industrial use in context of neighborhood.”

The new building would also be set back as much as possible along Wareham Street, which, Stokes said, “is driving many decisions” around the project.

The main lobby; ground-floor retail space, which could become home to a coffee shop; and bike storage would all be located

along Wareham Street, said Stokes, while two loading docks would be on Plympton Street.

Also on Wareham Street, existing loading docks would be removed, bricks cleaned, openings infilled using glass with high-glass glazing, he said.

A small tenant space would be located on the fifth floor, added Stokes, although most of the tenant space would be levels two, three, and four.

David Wilkinson, a project consultant, said the building would be classified as Biosafety Level (BSL-2) – the same level as a Red Cross facility – with no airborne studies conducted inside.

Likewise, Spellios said no animals would likely be tested on site, even though the building “would have the infrastructure for someone to put that in.”

And while the building has yet to be marketed to prospective tenants, Spellios said, “Most likely, tenants of this size aren't going to have animal resting

facilities on site.”

The building would also contain 1,000 square feet of chemical storage space, said Stokes, and the tenants themselves would bear the responsibility of monitoring the specific chemicals they use on site.

No street closures are expected as a result of construction, said Spellios, but lane closures are likely and would be detailed in a future construction management plan for the project.

IAG members David Stone and Nikki Fortes both complimented the project team on the appearance of the proposed building's façade.

The city's first public meeting on the project was scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 9.

The city is soliciting public comments on this project through Aug. 16; visit <https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/65-wareham-street> for more information.

# KING BOSTON UNVEILS FENCE ARTWORK AROUND EMBRACE MEMORIAL SITE

Photos courtesy of King Boston

King Boston, which will unveil the 20-foot Embrace Memorial Fence in dedication of Mar-

tin Luther King, Jr. and his wife Coretta Scott King on MLK Day next year, recently unveiled The Embrace Memorial Fence Wrap Artwork exhibit. The art-

work was completed by six Boston-based BIPOC photographers and digital artists, and the work is shared on the fence surrounding the Embrace memorial site.

The six artists are:

- Harry Scales of Dorchester
- Malakhai Pearson of East Boston
- Ngoc-Tran Vu of Dorchester
- Rixy Fernandez of Roxbury
- Yotron The Don of Roxbury
- Zahirah Nur Truth of Fenway



A wide shot of the fence surrounding the Embrace Memorial site as it prepares for construction, featuring Harry Scales' photography.



Information about the fence art exhibit next to Zahirah Nur Truth's artwork.



Artwork by Dorchester's Ngoc-Tran Vu.



Rixy Fernandez's colorful artwork spans a portion of the fence.

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## SWAN BOAT SEASON NOW UNDERWAY IN PUBLIC GARDEN

Photo by D. Murphy

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Visit [www.swanboats.com](http://www.swanboats.com) for more information.



## McLean Hospital welcomes two new Board of Trustees members

Staff Report

Valerie Mosley, CFA, founder of Upward Wealth and former partner at Wellington Management Company, and Back Bay residents Cathy E. Minehan, former board chair of Massachusetts General Hospital and former president of the Federal Reserve Bank, have joined McLean Hospital's Board of Trustees.

"We are delighted to have Valerie and Cathy join the McLean board. Both of these eminent leaders have deep commitments to community service and exceptional business acumen. Their guidance, support, and oversight as board members will be enormously valuable to advancing the McLean mission," said Scott L. Rauch, MD, president and psychiatrist in chief for McLean.

McLean Board Chair Carol Vallone added, "Cathy's and Valerie's extensive expertise in business best practices and corporate social responsibility are tremendous assets to our board and will benefit the entire McLean

community. We are thrilled to be working with them."

Mosley highlighted McLean's strong performance in mental health treatment, education, and research, as well as the hospital's commitment to pursuing a variety of leading-edge capabilities for broader societal good, in her decision to join the board.

"In addition, I'm passionate about positively impacting our society. McLean does a fantastic job serving many families. I'm particularly excited about and interested in using technology at this moment in history to ensure more persons and families get access to critically important mental health services."

Mosley founded Upward Wealth, a financial wellness platform that democratizes the creation of personal and financial wealth, in 2020.

She spent 20 years at Wellington Management Company, LLP, and retired as a partner and senior vice president portfolio manager and investment strategist. She serves on several corporate boards, as well as on the

board of a social venture capital firm.

Mosley earned her bachelor's degree from Duke University and an MBA in finance from the Wharton School of Business.

She has been recognized as The International Person of the Year by The UK's Power List, One of the 50 Most Powerful Women in Business, and one of the Top 75 African Americans on Wall Street by Black Enterprise Magazine.

Minehan is currently a director of Bright Horizons Family Solutions, LLC, and a trustee of The MITRE Corporation and the Brookings Institution.

After more than 10 years as chair of Massachusetts General Hospital, she is an honorary trustee. She is co-chair of the Mass General Brigham Institutional Conflict Committee.

She is also the outside board member of the American Board of Thoracic Surgeons, and serves in leading positions on numerous other boards, as well as the Massachusetts Business Roundtable and the Boston Women's Work-

force Council, which works to end the gender wage gap in Boston.

"With McLean's expertise in the delivery of evidence-based care, combined with my focus on finance and business growth, I am eager to identify ways in which we can collaborate to create new and innovative opportunities that will support the hospital's growth and most importantly, the people it serves."

Minehan retired from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston in July 2007 after 39 years with the Federal Reserve System, having served as the president and chief executive of the Boston Bank and a member of the Federal Open Market Committee from July 1994 on.

From August 2011 to June

2016, she served as Dean of the School of Management at Simmons College. Minehan is a graduate of the University of Rochester and is a member of the university's Board of Trustees.

She holds an MBA from New York University and was named a distinguished alumna from New York University in 1995.

She is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and was named the Public Company Director of the Year by the National Association of Corporate Directors New England Chapter in 2012; NACD National Top 100 Directors in 2013; and 2015 Shattuck City Champion (Boston).

Minehan is the recipient of many other honors and distinctions.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

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- 3 Appleton Street
- 4 Appleton Street (near Ben Franklin Institute)
- 7 Cazenove Street
- 10 Lawrence Street
- 40 Lawrence Street
- 22 Montgomery (2 trees on McKinley School side)
- 554 Tremont Street
- 74 Chandler Street

- 148 Chandler Street
- 24 Dartmouth
- 24 Dartmouth (on Montgomery Street side)
- 607 Tremont (2 trees around the corner on Dartmouth)

### USES BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT SET FOR AUG. 18

USES (United South End Set-

tlements) will hold its Back-to-School Night on Thursday, Aug. 18, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at 36 Rutland St. The event will include the opportunity to meet teachers from Boston Public Schools; take part in a uniform exchange; ask questions; and receive free school supplies. For more information, email Ella Zimbalist at [gzimbalist@uses.org](mailto:gzimbalist@uses.org).

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# City officials announce preparations ahead of the 2022 state primary

Preparations include early voting, ballot drop box locations and 20 new voting precincts

Staff Report

The City of Boston's Election Department on Aug. 8

announced its preparations ahead of the State Primary, taking place on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. In addition to early voting and ballot drop box locations, these preparations include expanded voter access created by the VOTES Act and the addition of new voting precincts from the

Boston Election Department's Precinct Adjustment Plan.

The VOTES Act includes new policies aimed at increasing access to voting opportunities and makes vote-by-mail and early voting options permanent.

The City also previously announced the addition of 20 new voting precincts, following the Boston Election Precinct Adjustment Plan completed in October 2021, which aimed to increase voting accessibility by distributing voters equitably across precincts. The number of voting precincts have now increased from 255 to 275. Due to these additions, the City of Boston is advising voters that they may experience a change in their precinct and polling location.

The Elections Department will be conducting outreach in the coming months to ensure that residents are aware of any change to their polling location ahead of the primary and general elections. Voters can also check their registration status via the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website to find their election day polling location.

## On the Ballot

The September 6, 2022 State Primary will include candidates for the following offices: Representative in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of the Commonwealth, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Governor's Council, State Senator, State Representative, District Attorney, and Sheriff.

## Vote By Mail

Applications for vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed out to every voter in Boston. To be eli-

gible to vote by mail in the State Primary, applications must reach the Boston Election Department by Monday, August 29, at 5:00 p.m. Vote-by-mail applications can be returned by U.S. mail using the prepaid postcard, in person at the Boston Election Department (located at Boston City Hall, Room 241), or by emailing absenteevoter@boston.gov.

If you're applying for a primary ballot, and you are not registered in a party, you must indicate which party's ballot you want to receive. If you do not provide a party on your application, you will not receive a primary ballot.

If a voter did not receive a vote-by-mail application or misplaced the application, vote-by-mail application forms are available for download on the City's vote-by-mail website. Applications can be submitted by mail, email, or fax. If you're emailing your application, you need to sign it in a way that can be compared to your hand-written signature. Electronic signatures, scanned applications, and photos of applications are acceptable. Typed signatures cannot be accepted.

Once a voter receives their ballot package, they should follow the enclosed instructions. It is important to sign the yellow ballot affidavit envelope. Unsigned ballot affidavit envelopes will cause a ballot to be rejected.

## Ballot Drop Boxes

The Boston Election Department has placed 21 ballot drop boxes around the City, including at both the first and third floor entrances of Boston City Hall. All drop boxes are monitored under 24 hour video surveillance. Drop boxes will also be available at each early voting location during

the scheduled voting hours. To find a ballot drop box location, visit here. Voters can track their ballot through the state's website.

To be counted, ballots must be received by the Boston Election Department or in a ballot drop box by the close of polls on Election Day, Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 8 p.m. Ballots cannot be returned to a polling location.

## In-Person Early Voting

Voters registered in Boston can vote during the early voting period from Saturday, August 27 through Friday, September 2, 2022, at any of the early voting sites. Hours and locations for early voting can be found here.

All early voting sites are equipped with electronic poll books for voter check in. Early voting locations are well-staffed with poll workers and interpreters, and fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

## Voting on Election Day

Polling locations for the State Primary will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. As a reminder, voters should check their registration status via the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website.

Ballots will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese. Language assistance will be available on Election Day by interpreters at polling locations or by contacting the Election Department's interpreters phone bank. Those interested in volunteering can apply to be a poll worker here.

For more information on how to participate in this year's elections, please visit [boston.gov/election](http://boston.gov/election).

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## Skating Academy registration for fall classes now open

Staff Report

The Skating Academy, The Skating Club of Boston's Learn to Skate USA program, opened their fall registration last week. As New England's premier ice skating school, The Skating Academy offers top-quality instruction and small group ice skating lessons for children and adults using the Learn to Skate USA curriculum endorsed by U.S. Figure Skating and USA Hockey.

The Skating Academy offers classes across nine campuses including Boston's iconic Bos-



Students learning to skate at the Skating Academy.

ton Common Frog Pond and at the all-new Norwood skating facility. Other locations include

Boston/Newton area, Boston's North End, Brookline, Dedham,

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# Back Bay, surrounding area's weekly COVID positive test-rate decreases

By John Lynds

While some Boston neighborhoods have been hit particularly hard by the latest surge of COVID, the percentage of those testing positive in Beacon Hill and the surrounding area dropped slightly last week.

According to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) 725 Back Bay, Beacon Hill, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested for the virus last week and 8.3 percent were positive--this was a 3.5 percent decrease from the 8.6 percent that tested positive between July 25 and August 1.

Sixty additional residents contracted the virus between August 1 and August 8 and there have now been 11,822 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Citywide, Boston's weekly positive test rate also decreased last week.

According to the BPHC, 10,355 Boston residents tested citywide and 8.6 percent were positive—a 5.5 percent decrease

from the 9.1 percent that tested positive between

July 25 and August 1.

Adult COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Boston are now averaging 129.6 per day—down 2 percent from the previous week. This metric helps the BPHC understand the burden of serious COVID-19 cases among adults resulting in inpatient care in Boston hospitals. It includes the total number of adult hospitalizations among Boston and non-Boston residents for COVID-19.

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

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 1 percent last week and went from 197,686 to 199,831 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were four additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,506.

## SKATING ACADEMY (from pg. 8)

Fenway, Somerville and West Roxbury.

The Skating Academy teaches both figure and hockey-style skating focusing on the correct techniques and benefits of physical fitness. Participants skate for recreational purposes and to advance in the competitive worlds of figure skating and hockey. In addition, The Skating Academy features professional coaches some of whom are former Olympic athletes.

“As a former Team USA member, Olympian and a current coaching professional, one of my greatest joys is teaching the next generation of skaters the proper fundamentals. There is no better place to learn how to skate than The Skating Academy,” said Simon Shnapir, a coach at The Skating Academy and 2014 Olympian.

For more information on The Skating Academy and to register for a class, check out <https://skatingacademy.org/registertoday/>.

The Skating Club of Boston,

a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, is the third-oldest skating club in the country and a founding member of U.S. Figure Skating. The mission of The Skating Club of Boston is to be the leader in advancing participation, education and excellence in all disciplines of skating for people of all ages, abilities and means. In addition to managing numerous training programs, the Club produces many local, national and international competitions. It also manages the Boston Common Frog Pond in a year-round partnership with the Boston Parks Department. Its Skating Academy, New England's premiere skating school, offers skating instruction for children and adults of all ages, with nine campuses in the Boston and Metro Boston region. More information about the Club and its programs can be found at [www.scboston.org](http://www.scboston.org). Classes are offered in the Fenway at The Rink at 401 Park and in the North End at DCR Steriti Memorial Rink.

John Douglas Murphy, a wilderness enthusiast known to all as “Jack,” died on Tuesday, Aug. 2 near Enos Lake in the Absaroka Mountains of Wyoming. Jack was struck by lightning while on a Wilderness First Responder expedition with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). He was 22 years young, strong and handsome, with a compassionate and generous spirit that allowed him to connect with others.

Jack attended nursery school and elementary school at Park Street School on Beacon Hill, a school his younger sisters later attended and an important spiritual and friend community for the entire Murphy family. Jack attended middle school at Buckingham, Browne & Nichols (BB&N), and high school at Boston College High School, where he graduated in 2018, and was a proud member of the rugby team. In addition to making close friends at the schools he attended, Jack had a close group of neighborhood friends as well, many who met as toddlers at Ringgold Park and who later stayed in touch through sports and many family and friend gatherings, adventures, and travels. Jack attended college at the University of Colorado, Boulder where he was a proud founding father of the re-established Beta Theta Pi fraternity, where he held several leadership roles. Jack was a member of a number of other communities including Hill House Boston where he played soccer for many years, and where he was followed by his sisters who loved to follow in his footsteps.

Although raised in Boston's South End, Jack developed a love of the outdoors at an early age. He was lucky enough to spend significant time in Sunapee, NH, with family and friends where he loved to ski, skate, and hike in the outdoors. He could often be found after a day of skiing encouraging his friends to stay outside longer, sledding and hiking in the woods. He built many forts in the woods of Indian Cave, many of which survive to this day. As he grew older, he

## In Memoriam

### John Douglas Murphy

2000 – 2022



John Douglas Murphy

sought out more formal adventures at wilderness camps including with Appalachian Mountain Club, Maine Adventures with Birch Point Camp, glacier training at Mount Baker with his dad, and before his senior year of high school a five-week Alaska backpacking expedition with NOLS. This Alaska trip was a formative experience and one where he excelled as a chosen leader to others in the group.

Despite his wanderings near and far, Jack also had a great love for his family and friends and was content spending the evening at home with his sisters Anna and Charlotte and with his mom and dad. He enjoyed going on many family trips with the Murphy, Kelly, and Collier families, all of whom will cherish the memories of happy times together where Jack, the oldest cousin and one of only two boys, would actively indulge his sisters and cousins in many antics, including dressing up, playing games, jumping on the trampoline, and having lots of required “forced family fun.” His family will cherish the many happy memories of holidays in the Boston area with members of the large Mongeau clan, and more recently with family and friends in Osterville, MA, where all spent precious time together during COVID.

Jack is survived by many family members and friends. He was the beloved son of R. Douglas Murphy and Jeanine Kelly Murphy, and the cherished older brother to Anna Katherine Murphy and Charlotte Kelly Murphy, all of Boston. Grandparents Barbara Zack Murphy of Norfolk, VA; Ronald Joseph Murphy and Debra McCabe Murphy, of Louisville, KY; James Joseph Kelly and Anne Kane of Baldwin, NY; and honorary fairy godmother Rye Griswold of Boston. Aunts and uncles, Greg and Beth Murphy of Norfolk, VA; Katie Murphy of Louisville, KY; and Alicia Kelly Collier and Dave Collier of Old Greenwich, CT, and cousins Clara and Maddie Murphy and Grace, Kendall, Leighton, and Harry Collier, as well as many great-aunts and uncles and cousins in the Kelly, Mongeau, Zack, and Murphy families. Jack was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Katherine Mongeau Kelly.

The Murphy family wishes to thank the NOLS guides and fellow students who tried bravely to save him and provided Jack fellowship in what were his last days. The family also thanks Teton County Search and Rescue (TCSAR) for their efforts to save Jack and the for the support provided for his fellow campers.

The family received friends on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at the J.S. Waterman Langone Chapel in Boston, and a service celebrating Jack's life also took place on Wednesday, at Trinity Church in Boston. For online condolences, please visit: [www.watermanboston.com](http://www.watermanboston.com).

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a gift in Jack's honor to the Jack Murphy Wilderness Education Fund, a trust that will support others who have a passion to live, teach, and serve in the great outdoors (contact [jackmurphyfund@gmail.com](mailto:jackmurphyfund@gmail.com)). Jack's family also welcomes you to consider planting a tree in his honor in a place that is close to your heart where you can pause to remember him. Given the many who loved Jack, the family can imagine a forest growing in his name.

# RIZE Massachusetts receives \$2 Million in 2023 State Budget

Special to the Sun

RIZE Massachusetts, an independent nonprofit foundation working to end the opioid epidemic in Massachusetts, received a \$2 million appropriation to support its efforts to combat the overdose crisis in the state's fiscal 2023 budget signed into law today by Gov. Charlie Baker.

The funds will support RIZE's strategic initiatives and grant-making endeavors, including efforts to increase the understanding and utilization of harm reduction practices designed to save lives. These programs seek to address the increase of opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts, due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic. In June, the state Department of Public Health reported overdose deaths in Massachusetts reached an all-time high in 2021, claiming 2,234 lives.

"The opioid epidemic has had

a devastating impact on communities in Massachusetts, and across the country. The Legislature understands that in order to combat this epidemic, we must ensure that organizations like RIZE Massachusetts continue to have the funding and resources necessary to address the increase in opioid-related overdose deaths," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I want to thank the folks at RIZE Massachusetts for the ever-important work that they continue to do. The Legislature is proud to fund these lifesaving efforts."

Among RIZE's ongoing projects include a research program on pharmacists' role in substance use disorder treatment; a hands-on harm reduction focused internship for graduate-level social work students; and grants for organizations trying to improve access and equity in addiction treatment. These initiatives were developed using

learnings and insights from the foundation's first five years and are guided by those with lived experience and who are unafraid of new ideas. RIZE recently marked its fifth anniversary with an Impact Report that highlights the progress made by the organization since its founding, including stories of people living with substance use disorder, outcomes from grant investments, and the impact of partners and supporters.

"Our five-year fight to end the overdose epidemic in Massachusetts has brought about significant change as we have worked to reduce overdose deaths by supporting evidence-based practices proven to save lives," said Julie Burns, President and CEO of RIZE. "We are grateful to the Massachusetts Legislature and the Baker-Polito Administration as this funding will allow us to concentrate on areas in need of investment now: building an addiction treatment workforce that can

meet the ever-changing epidemic, increasing access to care for the most marginalized, and expanding harm reduction services to keep people alive until they're ready for treatment."

"The pandemic has exacerbated how difficult the barriers for those seeking treatment for substance use disorder can be," said State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston), Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means. "These critical funds secured through the budget process will be essential to helping remove these barriers for those in need of better treatment options. I want to applaud RIZE for their tireless work in this area and for their commitment to equity as we work toward recovery and better treatment outcomes for everyone."

The budget amendment was introduced by State Rep. Jon Santiago (D-Boston) and championed by several members of the Legislature who recognize the severity of

the opioid epidemic in Massachusetts and the need for a public-private partnership to find effective solutions.

"This \$2 million investment for RIZE will go a long way in addressing an opioid epidemic that has worsened during a global pandemic," said Rep. Santiago. "As overdoses hit record numbers and impact every corner of the Commonwealth, this funding will help save lives. Thank you to Speaker Mariano and Chair Michlewitz for their leadership and unwavering commitment to working toward zero stigma and zero deaths."

RIZE Massachusetts is based at 101 Huntington Ave. They are a statewide foundation supporting organizations from Western Mass. to the Cape and everything in between. They support many Boston-based providers on the front lines of the overdose epidemic, including those addressing the humanitarian crisis at Mass. and Cass

## United South End Settlements elects Carmen Duarte new Board Chair

Staff Report

United South End Settlements (USES) announced on August 9 the appointment of diversity, equity and inclusion champion and strategist Carmen Duarte as

Board Chair, along with the election of five new Board members and leadership appointments as USES celebrates its 130th anniversary. Duarte, who works as VP of diversity, inclusion and social impact at Intact Insur-

ance Specialty Solutions, succeeds outgoing Board Chair Julia Johannsen, who served in the role for more than 10 years.

"On behalf of the entire USES community, I'm proud to welcome Carmen into this role along

with all of our new Board members and officers," said USES CEO Jerrell Cox. "Since joining the Board in May 2021, Carmen has been a fierce advocate for building connections across our community and supporters. She has the enthusiasm and know-how to help further our economic equity and inclusion efforts and develop even stronger relationships with the corporate community." Added Cox, "I also wish to thank Julia Johannsen and the rest of the departing Board members for their years of friendship and tireless work on behalf of USES. We have been blessed with strong, passionate leadership for many years under Julia's stewardship and know she will remain a part of the USES family in the years to come."

Duarte is an experienced leader across several disciplines including communications, marketing, human resources and change management. Prior to her current role at Intact, she was the company's VP of marketing and communications, and previously held a similar role at OneBeacon Insurance Group. Duarte additionally serves on the Board of the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation's Boston Chapter and is a Trustee of the Intact Charitable Trust.

The Board also welcomed five new members for the upcoming

year: Silvia Buonamici, Gabriela Cruzado, Aaron Dushku, Michael Mazzello, and Laura Nielsen and made the following officer appointments: former South End Community Health Center clinical social worker Jennifer Coplon has been named Development Committee Chair; Watermill Group Principal Anabelle Skalleberg has been named Finance Committee Chair; Pegasystems Senior Director Bandita Joarder was named Vice Chair and continues in her role as Nominating and Governance Committee Chair.

In addition to Johannsen, USES wishes to recognize the extraordinary tenure of Ken Kruckemeyer, who rotated off the Board after an unparalleled 40-plus years of service. Kruckemeyer was recognized earlier this year as a driving force behind many of USES' most significant projects and as an impactful connector of the organization's mission across generations of Board members. Also rotating off the Board are King Boston Executive Director Imari Paris Jeffries and Finepoint Capital Partner Kevin Koslosky.

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Silvia Buonamici currently works as the head of biology and translational research at Monte

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## Save big on sales tax and energy usage during tax holiday

Special to the Sun

With the upcoming Massachusetts sales tax holiday on August 13 and 14, National Grid is reminding customers to take advantage of opportunities to purchase energy efficient appliances to save energy while maximizing savings.

With energy rates expected to increase this winter due to a variety of global factors such as increased natural gas demand, Massachusetts customers who choose energy-efficient appliances such as washers, dryers, and refrigerators, can lower their energy use while reducing their impact on the environment.

"At National Grid, we want all customers to take part in the clean energy transition. A seemingly simple step of switching to an energy-efficient appliance, over time, can truly make a positive impact on the environment and allows our customers to keep more money in their pockets," said John

Isberg, Vice President of Customer Solutions, National Grid. "With energy costs expected to rise this winter, every little bit of savings can help."

In addition to the tax savings during the holiday weekend, National Grid offers a variety of rebates and additional savings year-round for a wide selection of energy-saving appliances and products:

- Customers looking to save on qualifying certified central heat pumps or mini-split heat pumps may be eligible for rebates of up to \$10,000. Residential customers looking to learn more about rebates and incentives can visit [masssave.com/en/saving/residential-rebates](https://masssave.com/en/saving/residential-rebates).

- If a customer decides to replace an old working appliance, National Grid offers an Appliance Recycling Program where the company will pick up an unwanted appliance and provide up to \$75 for participating.
- Customers looking to upgrade

appliances such as electric clothes washers and dryers, hot water heaters, air purifiers, dehumidifiers, and more, may be eligible to receive up to \$700 in rebates and can learn more at [ngrid.com/save](https://ngrid.com/save). National Grid residential customers in Massachusetts may visit [ngrid.com/shop](https://ngrid.com/shop) and select "Massachusetts" from the menu to browse the Mass Save Marketplace for energy efficient products with instant rebates already applied to their prices.

National Grid also offers No-Cost Home Energy Assessments for eligible customers, which provides a safe and effective way to look at a home's energy needs while keeping customers comfortable. Through this program, customers may receive no-cost energy-efficiency products shipped to them, as well as up to 75 percent or more off approved insulation, no-cost air sealing, and additional rebates toward qualifying energy-efficient equipment.

## Real Estate Transfers

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Wales, Gregory	Noon, Matthew	215 Commonwealth Ave #5	\$2,675,000
Alyssa Ashley Klein GST	Stdenis, Cal	24 Dartmouth Pl #24	\$1,395,000
Rose Group Dev LLC	W C Clendaniel T 2014	24 Dartmouth St #4	\$1,230,000
Mullin, Michael	First Back Bay T	123 Marlborough St #BB	\$390,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>			
Roman, Jorge S	Macfarlane, John	169 Beacon St #1-1	\$510,000
Smith, Mei Ling	Schwartzberg, Theodore	75 Chestnut St #34	\$1,089,000
Nelson, Hilary	Gorman, Shawn O	82 Mount Vernon St #1	\$2,897,000
Giffune, Matthew J	Simmons, William J	86 Myrtle St	\$2,940,000
<b>BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE</b>			
Alyssa Ashley Klein GST	Stdenis, Cal	80 Appleton St #24	\$1,395,000
Mccarthy, Ryan	Lamson RET	48 Chandler St #1	\$1,420,000
Ma Condo Group LLC	Ac Massachusetts LLC	1 Charles St S #906	\$2,057,868
SDK Property Partners LLC	Rodman, Jeffrey S	505 Tremont St #410	\$2,000,000
Cowan, Daniel T	Sigel, John D	9 Claremont Park	\$3,890,000
David C Cushing T	Arora, Sarika	26 Concord Sq #2	\$915,000
Paglia, Abigail L	Labranche, Maxime G	37 Concord Sq #3	\$855,000
Marie, Joseph F	Fitzgerald, Lynsey	5 Dwight St #1	\$1,875,000
Shapiro, Joshua	John Philip Foti RET	111 Gainsborough St #102	\$622,000
Lattinville, Jasmine E	Quinn South End LLC	370-380 Harrison Ave #1101	\$164,800
Arora, Sarika	Libbichka LLC	535 Harrison Ave #A202	\$1,100,000
Clark, Timothy W	Batton, John	22 Medfield St #2	\$1,320,000
Wang, Yanzhi	Westlette NT	131 Park Dr #22	\$380,000
Koch, Catherine	121 Portland LLC	121-127 Portland St #209	\$1,040,000
Stutzman, Andrew J	Rubinger, Andrew L	97 Waltham St #1	\$685,000
<b>WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN</b>			
Mccann, Corey	C E Jones T	110 Broad St #PH3	\$5,100,000
Bradford Jr, William C	RKW Ventures LLC	300 Commercial St #502	\$525,000
Johnson, Jeremy D	Gunsch, Nathan D	326-328 Commercial St #53	\$470,000
Ferguson, Anthony D	Galati, Nicholas A	406-418 Commercial St #2	\$535,000
Ho, Shu K	Aylene M T Lightfoot LT	85 E India Row #12D	\$600,000
Gold, Darrin	Glatstein, Samuel	85 E India Row #39C	\$1,350,000
Rowes Wharf 402 RT	Estoril Corp	20 Rowes Wharf #402	\$1,125,000
Tsai, Ting An	Phitayakorn, Roy	580 Washington St #8B	\$2,320,000

## USES (from pg. 10)

Rosa Therapeutics. Prior to that, she was a consultant at Atlas Venture and Third Rock Ventures. She also served as executive director at H3 Biomedicine as well as director, associate director and senior scientist. She has worked as an investigator for Novartis Institute for Biomedical Research.

Gabriela Cruzado is a dental assistant at the South End Health Community Center and a USES parent and program participant. Specifically, she has been a valuable part of USES' Power of Parenting program, including USES' coaching program and

has become a strong advocate among other parents for USES' multi-generational programs.

Aaron Dushku serves as the GIS Lead for offshore wind at Avangrid Renewables and the board vice president of the Camp Hale Alumni Association. He is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer who has been active in civic affairs in his native Watertown. Thanks to his family's South End origins, he has also been a USES program participant and an employee and is the parent of past and current Camp Halers.

Michael Mazzello has worked as a senior scientist at BBN

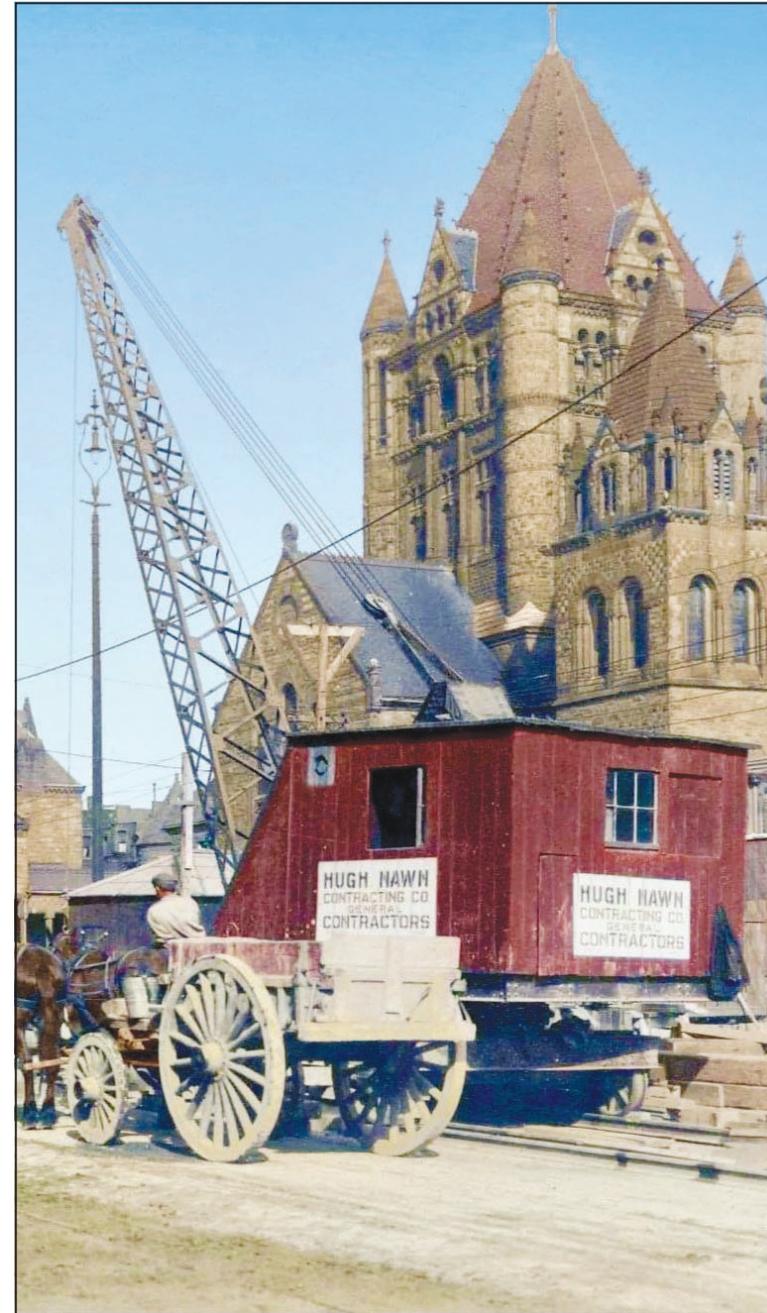
Technologies for 14 years, specializing in sensor and advanced networking systems. Mazzello is a former president of the Northeastern University chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Laura Nielsen is a former Boston Emergency Services Team clinician, where she intervened in emergency psychiatric situations and managed relationships with community services agencies. Prior to that, she worked as an emergency service clinician at Bayridge Hospital in Lynn and the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center.

## ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER

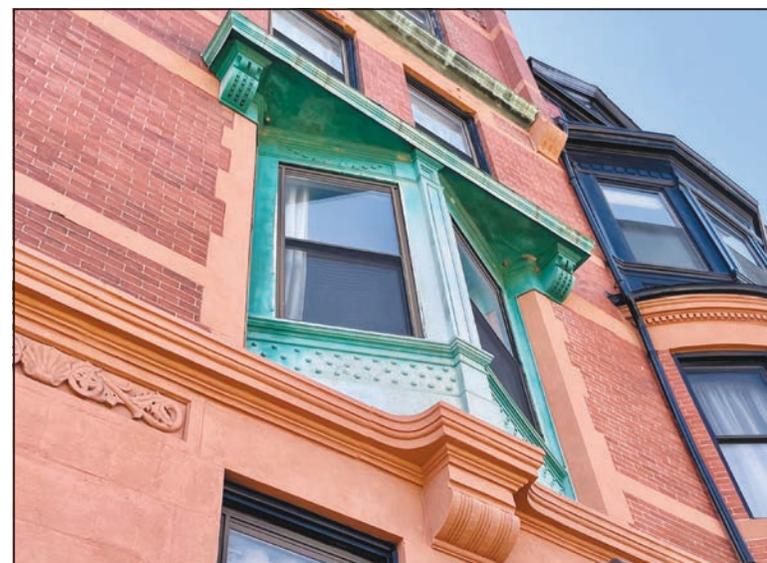


The columns in the last clue are on Trinity Church in Copley Square. You'll see them again in today's answer. It is from a 1913 photo of pile driving and construction work underway with horse-drawn equipment.

You'll find the next clue in the Fenway/Kenmore area.

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### THIS WEEK'S CLUE

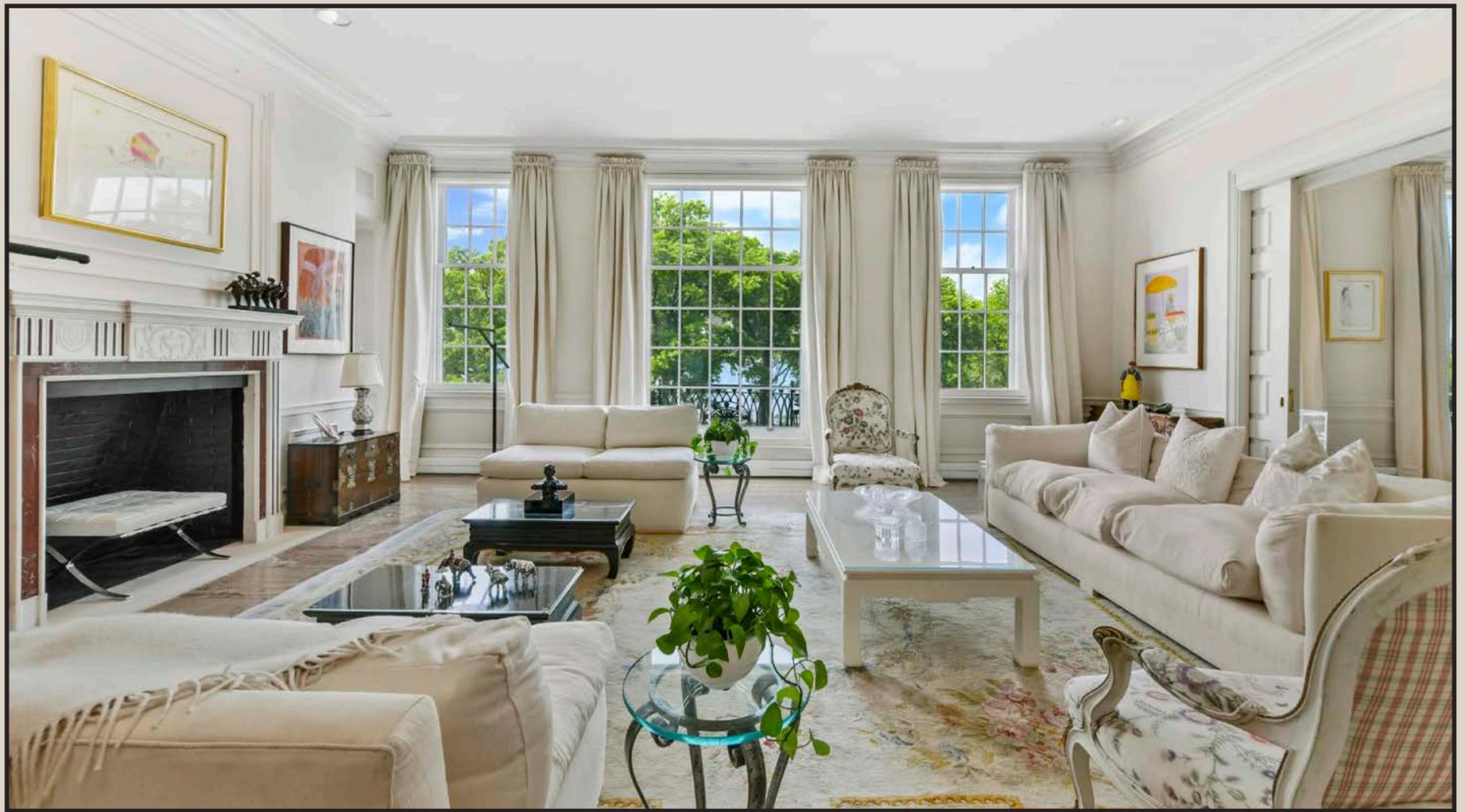


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