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BOSTON LYRIC OPERA PRESENTS 'ROMEO AND JULIET' ON THE BOSTON COMMON



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The Boston Lyric Opera set up a stage in the Boston Common for their production of Romeo And Juliet that is free for all to enjoy. Shown to the left, Ricardo Garcia as Romeo and Vanessa Becerra as Juliet. See more photos on Page 6.

Michael Cox sworn in as BPD's 44th police Commissioner

By Lauren Bennett

Surrounded by his family, Michael Cox was sworn in as the Boston Police Department's (BPD) 44th commissioner on August 15 on City Hall Plaza.

On July 13, Mayor Michelle Wu announced that Cox, a Boston native, was selected to be the next BPD commissioner. Cox had served for 30 years on the BPD before becoming the Chief of Police in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Retired BPD Superintendent Lisa Holmes hosted the swearing-in ceremony, and an invocation was provided by Pastor Arthur T. Gerald, Jr. The benediction was provided by Father

John Connolly.

Wu began her remarks by talking about her first conversation with Cox, which she said she does not recall. It was during her first City Council campaign on a softball field in West Roxbury, where Cox was "just a dad watching his kid's softball game," Wu said.

"The first real conversation that we had, that I remember, was during the interview for this job, and immediately, I had a feeling settle in my chest that we might have done the impossible."

Wu said that she had been told it was "impossible" to find a commissioner that had every-

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30-day Orange Line shutdown to begin Aug. 19

By Lauren Bennett

The MBTA recently announced that the entire Orange Line will be shut down for 30 days starting on August 19 to complete repair work and make safety upgrades. A virtual public meeting was also held on August 16, and more than 250 residents from the Greater Boston region tuned in to hear about

the MBTA's plans and ask questions.

"The Orange Line closure will be used to address a maintenance backlog and planned construction investments, all of which are focused on safety improvements and returning the system to a state of good repair," the MBTA said in an August 12 release. "Thirty days of 24-hour access

will replace more than five years of Orange Line delays and weekend diversions."

Work includes upgrading signal systems, replacing track, and other work as directed by the Federal Transit Association, the MBTA said.

Free shuttle buses will be offered between Oak Grove and

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COURTESY OF THE BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

A rendering of the project proposed for the Star Market site at 1400 Boylston St. in the Fenway.

Open Newbury returns for six consecutive Sundays

By Dan Murphy

Newbury Street will again be transformed into a pedestrian-only walkway when Open Newbury returns for six consecutive Sundays between Aug. 21 and Sept. 25, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) announced last week.

"Open Newbury Street has become a treasured tradition for Boston residents, showing how we can celebrate community in



Restaurant patrons enjoying the additional outdoor dining space created for Open Newbury Street on Sunday, Aug. 15, of last year.

public spaces," Mayor Wu said in a press release. "Expanding Open Newbury to a weekly event and into the fall means returning

college students and new residents will be able to join in on

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Public gets a look at plan to redevelop Fenway Star Market site

By Dan Murphy

The site of the Fenway Star Market is poised to become home to a lab and office building comprising four connected components with ground-floor retail, but no residential component, according to members of the project team on hand for a city-sponsored public meeting held virtually on Aug. 1.

Boston real-estate developer,

Samuels & Associates, filed a Letter of Intent with the Boston Planning & Development Agency last December proposing 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

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EDITORIAL

AND JUST LIKE THAT

-- SUMMER ENDED

Within just a few hours of writing our editorial last Tuesday (August 9) extolling the virtues of the heat and humidity of the summer season, Mother Nature turned the tables on us.

We were sitting in our hot house -- we don't have air conditioning -- but enjoying a warm breeze, when, at 8:14 p.m., the wind shifted from south-westerly to north-easterly. The air suddenly became chilly -- the temperature dropped 10 degrees within a few minutes -- and we soon had to shut all of our windows.

Yes, the weather this past week has been nice (and is forecast to remain so for the next 10 days), but the temperatures have struggled to reach 80 during the day and we've had to wear warm clothing in the cool evenings.

No doubt there may be a few lingering hot days in the weeks ahead -- we have many fond memories of hot Labor Day (and even some Columbus Day) weekends from our youth.

But it is clear that the summer of 2022 is all but over -- and fall is in the air.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GIVING CREDIT WHERE ITS DUE

Dear Editor,

I'm delighted to see "Next Month's Mass Ave. Coalition Festival Among Topics Discussed at CSN Monthly Meeting" and want to be clear in crediting the tremendous work by a strong collaboration of all four neighborhood associations from Huntington Ave to Melnea Cass Boulevard.

First, the dedication of Jazz Square is the result of Bob Barney's beautiful vision and hard work. Bob is President of Claremont Neighborhood Association.

Second, the Sept 18 Mass Ave Coalition event in Chester Park, will be a festival like no other, thanks to the Mass Ave Coalition team. Joan Carragher, president of St Botolph NA, and George Stergios (past president) and Desi Murphy (newly elected president) of Worcester Square Area NA, together with Bob and I have recruited generous contributions from Northeastern University and Boston Medical Center, and talented volunteers from our neighborhoods to prepare for a playful, sensory, afternoon of connections.

Thanks again to the Boston Sun for letting readers know about this wonderful event!

Carol Blair, President
Chester Square Neighbors

WHY KEVIN HAYDEN SHOULD CONTINUE TO SERVE SUFFOLK COUNTY AS OUR DA

Dear Editor,

I had never heard of Kevin Hayden until he was appointed District Attorney. I knew Ricardo Arroyo. Arroyo is a household political name that has lasted at least two generations and three city councilors. I met with Felix Arroyo in 2016, and I endorsed Ricardo Arroyo when he ran for the city council in 2019.

I was therefore initially inclined to stay out of the District Attorney race or support Ricardo Arroyo. Arroyo's political philosophy and mine are closely aligned, and he is undoubtedly a gifted politician.

But today, I am endorsing Kevin Hayden, a public servant,

over the politician. The bottom line: I have seen his work. He is as dedicated a public servant as I have met, and I've seen him demonstrate it on multiple occasions.

As soon as he was appointed, Hayden immediately got to work. I began to get regular updates about shootings and acts of violence in my district, which includes three of the four cities that make up Suffolk County. Like Rachael Rollins, our former district attorney, he was forthcoming, upfront, and direct with his information. He made himself a resource to my office. I assumed correctly that on certain policies, he and I would disagree, but he has listened, showed me that he could change his mind, and was willing to be creative and constructive about the District Attorney's role.

For example, I called Kevin recently, enraged after a major fire in Revere displaced 150 people. The landlord, after keeping many of the units in deplorable conditions, commenced eviction actions and changed the locks on rent-paying tenants. I remembered that in some cases (though incredibly rare), criminal charges could be pursued against a landlord. I was very happy to learn that Kevin had already reached out to the Mayor of Revere. He attended the large community meeting, shouldered the anger and frustration of the tenants with Mayor Arrigo, and committed to investigating the landlords for possible criminal wrongdoing.

When we were so close to passing an eviction sealing bill, I called Kevin again. I explained how many people need a second chance after having been evicted. I talked about how opponents were using public safety as a reason to keep an eviction permanent and public. Kevin reviewed the bill and drafted a passionate letter in support, noting that housing stability is a public safety issue. Kevin Hayden was the very first law enforcement official to support the HOMES (Housing Opportunity and Mobility with Eviction Sealing) act in the four years of fighting to get it passed. As District Attorney, he effectively countered many of the safety concerns the Governor expressed when he vetoed the bill two years ago.

It is essential that a District Attorney can see the connec-

tion between housing and public safety and even more so that the District Attorney is willing to advocate for policies that support working families. I know that when he continues to be the District Attorney, he will prosecute deadly workplace safety violations and wage theft.

Hayden is showing up to shootings in the middle of the night, and to community meetings with young people and police. He sets a table where law enforcement, community, and nonprofits can refine justice together.

For example, I recently walked in on a meeting with assistant DAs, community members, and North Suffolk Mental Health. They discussed expanding the Services over Sentence pilot program, started under Rachael Rollins. Hayden invested in the program, contributing \$450,000 from the asset forfeiture fund, and expanded the initiative to include wrap-around services, from helping those taking part find housing, childcare, jobs, and recovery coaches. The program keeps participating defendants out of jail.

I have seen the coalition for Hayden. It is racially and politically diverse. He boasts support and endorsements from the entire county and people from all walks of life. I believe they see what really matters, and that is Kevin's vision and heart, backed up by over two decades of public service work. Experience isn't everything, but it is important. The District Attorney leads an office of almost 300 people and needs to inspire their trust. A strong record of service, experience within the office, trial experience, a commitment to just outcomes, and a fair and ethical approach to prosecution provide that leadership.

No one would accuse Kevin Hayden of being a politician that can "work the room." But no one can deny he worked exceptionally hard to be "in the room" and to lead today.

Hayden is a compassionate Black Bostonian who cares deeply about our community. I hope voters pick the public servant who has dedicated his life to serving and protecting our most vulnerable. Please vote for Kevin Hayden on September 6, 2022.

Lydia Edwards,
Senator of the First Suffolk
and Middlesex

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Wu introduces plan to file home rule petition to establish fossil fuel-free standards for new construction and major renovations in Boston

Staff Report

Mayor Michelle Wu today announced she intends to file legislation to give Boston the local option to set building standards eliminating the use of fossil fuels for new developments and major renovations in Boston. Under the provisions of the state's recently enacted Bill H.5060, An Act driving clean energy and offshore wind, the submission of this Home Rule Petition would make the City of Boston eligible to apply to participate in a 10-municipality pilot program administered by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. The pilot allows cities and towns to develop local ordinances that restrict or prohibit new building construction or major renovation projects that use fossil fuels, including through the withholding or conditioning of building permits. The City will launch a community and stakeholder engagement process to define fossil fuel-free building standards, determine applicability, and set the multi-year timeline for phasing out the use of fossil fuels. Boston would join New York City, Seattle and Washington, DC, as major North American cities leading the transition to sustainable standards in development.

"Boston must lead by taking every possible step for climate action," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We are eager to carry out the intent of this state legislation and maximize its benefit by including the Commonwealth's largest city—Boston's participation will help deliver healthy, energy efficient spaces that save our residents and businesses on utilities costs and create local green jobs that will fuel our economy for decades."

"The climate crisis requires us to abandon the fossil fuels that are choking the planet and polluting our communities," said Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space. "It is essential that the fossil-free standards center the needs of environmental justice communities and impacted workers. The Environment Department looks forward to the launch of this community process to create a just transition to an economically thriving, equitable, and Green New Deal Boston."

"Today's announcement is a wonderful first step to getting fossil fuels out of buildings," said Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Green New Deal Director. "This is complex and I'm so delighted that we are going through an in-depth, public process to get this right. We are getting at the heart of the climate

crisis by centering equity and developing a model that can be a catalyst for economic change."

To develop local, fossil fuel-free standards that promote economic opportunity for workers and residents, Boston will convene an Advisory Committee made up of stakeholders with expertise in environmental justice, affordable housing, labor and workers' rights, building engineering and energy, healthcare and public health, real estate development and management, architecture and urban design, and distributed energy systems. The Advisory Committee will anchor a months-long community process to establish definitions, criteria for applicability, and the timeline to prioritize the complementary goals of decarbonization, housing affordability, equity and a just transition for workers. After consulting with the Advisory Committee, Mayor Wu will then file a local fossil fuel-free building ordinance with the Boston City Council.

"Implementing meaningful environmental regulations will propel us toward our 2050 carbon neutral goal and Boston's participation in this pilot would allow us the opportunity to prove that clean energy can be accessible and affordable on a large scale," said Councilor Kendra Lara. "I look forward to continued collab-

oration with labor leaders as we collectively steward an ordinance through the City Council."

On-site combustion of fossil fuels in buildings accounts for more than a third of greenhouse gas emissions in Boston, contributing to global climate change and local air pollution that disproportionately impacts low-income residents and communities of color in Boston. Research shows there is little-to-no cost increase for building efficient and fossil fuel-free multi-family housing. This standard delivers the long-term benefits of improved air quality, lower energy costs, reduced carbon emissions and enhanced thermal comfort to residents.

Through this pilot program, the City of Boston plans to demonstrate a model for an equitable transition to fossil fuel-free construction in New England. Notably, setting this standard would allow Boston to eliminate direct emissions in new construction in smaller buildings, where it's known how to build to a net-zero standard that creates immediate cost savings and health benefits for residents.

"The BPDA is proud to support this important work with the Zero Net Carbon Building Initiative, which in partnership with this pilot program, will strengthen efficiency standards across the

board," said Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison. "We applaud the Mayor's action today to further establish Boston as a national leader on decarbonizing building practices, and look forward to working together to ensure a greener city for all."

The proposed home rule petition expands upon the Wu administration's commitment to delivering a just transition and a Green New Deal for Boston, centering community priorities in all proposed policies and regulations. Mayor Wu previously announced efforts to electrify the city's fleet, launching an electric school bus pilot program, deploying 20 buses during the 2022-2023 school year. She also recently announced the Green New Deal for Boston Public Schools (BPS), a \$2 billion plan to overhaul BPS facilities, including new construction and renovation projects, as well as district-wide upgrades. Alongside the Public Works Department, she also announced the City's curbside food waste collection program. 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. In July the BPDA adopted a decarbonization strategy for all agency property.

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uses and facilities on the ground-floor; approximately 30,000 square feet of enclosed loading and back-of-house space; an approximately 5,000 square-foot "cultural pavilion"; and over half an acre of landscaped green space, with underground parking to support the building's programming.

The 2.38 acre, L-shaped project site wraps around Boylston Street to Park Drive and currently accommodates the single-story grocery store, as well as surface parking lots, a decommissioned gas station, and a Dunkin' (Donuts) location, said David Manfredi, founding principal of Boston-based Elkus Manfredi Architects Ltd.

The project would only measure 105 feet wide to fit within the confines of the narrow parcel, said Manfredi, and would be divided into a four-part composition comprising Buildings A, B, C, and D. "Rather than a single building, we're thinking about it having four or five component

parts," he said, adding that as the building ascends in height, it will be stepped back to create terraces on the upper floors on the west side.

Its massing would be "shaped" by the project's proximity to the Emerald Necklace, added Manfredi, while its design would intend to maximize daylight into Ramler Park and open the "visual corridor" to the park's northwest. There also would be no new shadows on the park on June 21 at 6 p.m., according to a new shadow study, added Manfredi.

On-site demolition won't commence until 401 Park Drive, which will include Star Market's new location, has opened, said Peter Sougarides, executive director of Samuels & Associates, adding that construction is now underway on that project.

The redevelopment of the old Star Market at 1400 Boylston St. then "might take two or three years, depending on construction," said Sougarides.

In an effort to mitigate noise

and other impacts, trucks would access the site below grade at Kilmarnock Street, said Manfredi, while all loading would be made on Kilmarnock Street, with trucks coming directly inside the building.

The "cultural pavilion," which would be located adjacent to the new building, provides "an incredible opportunity to do something in that space that would be for the public," said Abe Menzin, principal and executive vice president of Samuels & Associates. Besides building the venue, the developer has also committed to programming and maintaining it, he added.

Additionally, the project aim to add 300 more linear feet of greenspace to extend the 800 linear feet of existing greenspace on the east side of 401 Park (The Green), as well as to extend the greenspace at 421 Park, said consultant Keith LeBlanc.

The new park space created through the project would have abundant seating and gathering spaces, said LeBlanc, although it would be different from The

Green because only the "toe" of the new building would be located within its boundaries.

Asked how the open space could be preserved into perpetuity, Menzin said that it would be "memorialized and committed to in the permitting, and we also have a parks agreement so I think there are plenty of mechanisms for that."

As part of the project, a bike lane on a raised curb would also be installed along Boylston Street, which, LeBlanc said, would align with the Boston Transportation Department's plans for the neighborhood.

Matthew Brooks, vice president of the Fenway Civic Association, expressed his disappointment that the proposed project lacks residential housing, "especially since the project originally included in that component."

Brooks was also dismayed to learn that the project would be delegated to the Brookline Avenue CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee), he said, despite assurance from the previous BPDA planning manager

assigned to this project that it would have its own Impact Advisory Group (IAG).

"I had really hoped this would be split off and reviewed by an IAG, and that more than one abutter would be added to the CAC so we could have residents that are going to be affected by this project, that live by this project, that are going to be commenting on it," said Brooks.

Michael Sinatra, the current BPDA project manager, said he was unaware of his predecessor's pledge to having a dedicated IAG for the project and also told this reporter that since the meeting, three abutters have been named to the Brookline Avenue CAC.

Sinatra said he is working to finalize the date of the next CAC meeting, which would then determine the close of the public-comment period for this project, which was previously slated to end on Aug. 12, but has been extended.

Public comments can be submitted now to Michael Sinatra, BPDA project manager, via email at michael.a.sinatra@boston.gov.

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Haymarket/Government Center, as well as between Forest Hills and Back Bay/Copley stations. Riders are encouraged to use the Green Line between Government Center and Back Bay stations.

“While all shuttle buses are fully ADA-accessible, accessible vans will also be available for any rider who prefers van service upon request,” the MBTA said in the release. “MBTA personnel will also be available at every station to assist riders in requesting this accessible van service. Due to the free shuttle bus service, RIDE trips that begin and end within ¾ mile of the Orange Line will be free for RIDE users during the 30-day shutdown.”

Use of the Commuter Rail is also encouraged, and riders can show a CharlieCard or CharlieTicket for free service on all lines in Zones 1A, 1, and 2.

The MBTA also said that additional Commuter Rail stops will be made at Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, North Station, Malden Center, and Oak Grove.

MBTA Deputy Chief of Staff Angel Donahue-Rodriguez said at the public meeting that following the shutdown when service resumes on September 19, the “majority of trains that are going to be used will be new trains.” He also reminded people that there are closures on the Green Line as well between Union Square and Government Center from August 22 to September 18.

Donahue-Rodriguez said that 3500 feet of track will be replaced, and signaling equipment will be changed from analog to digital. All of the work will result in faster, safer service for passengers.

He recommended that all riders plan ahead with information that can be found on mbta.com, including the Trip Planner tool that can help people plan their trip with the available modes of transportation.

The Ride trips originating within ¾ of a mile of the Orange Line will be free, he added, and free 30 day Bluebikes passes will be available to anyone beginning on August 19. More bikes will be added to the system, and there will be certain stations where bikes are guaranteed.

Additionally, the Highway Division of MassDOT has warned residents that there will be “increased traffic congestion as a result of roadway modifications necessary to support the MBTA’s replacement bus shuttles. The modifications will occur at numerous points along the shuttle routes and range from reconfiguring travel and turning lanes, curb work, installation of designated bus lanes at various locations, and changes to traffic signal timing at multiple intersections.”

The MBTA is urging residents to work from home if they are able and to also limit driving in the Orange Line area during the shutdown.

Kristie Horstetter, a member of the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) transit team, said that “we are working with our partners at the MBTA and across city departments to look at where we can make changes to our streets...”

Additionally, Donahue-Rodri-

guez said that no MBTA buses will be used as shuttle buses. Instead, an “external party” will be providing coach buses for the duration of the shutdown. All shuttles will be accessible, but there will also be about 20 accessibility vans that will supplement the shuttle service, and passengers can request these vans by speaking to a T ambassador in a red shirt at any Orange Line stop.

At the public meeting, Mayor Michelle Wu said that “the scale of disruption and this length of time is going to be very significant. We really need your help in spreading the word. I wish we weren’t here, but it has been decades and decades of getting to this point of needing to have big fixes.”

Wu also ensured that every rider who typically uses the Orange Line “is guaranteed a way to get where they need to go,” whether it be by shuttle bus, commuter rail, a free Blue or increased Silver Line service.

“We want to be able to convey that feedback and make changes in real time day-by-day as we go,” Wu added.

Donahue-Rodriguez said that the MBTA is “confident” that the work will be completed within the 30 day timeframe, as the materials are on hand, and the team is prepared to get to work.

The MBTA has also established a call center for residents—the number is 617-222-3200.

For more information, visit <https://www.mbta.com/schedules/Orange/alerts>.

City launches new and improved ParkBoston app

Special to Sun

Through a continuing between the City of Boston and ParkMobile, the leading provider of “smart parking,” the upgraded ParkBoston app launched Monday, replacing the now-obsolete previous version.

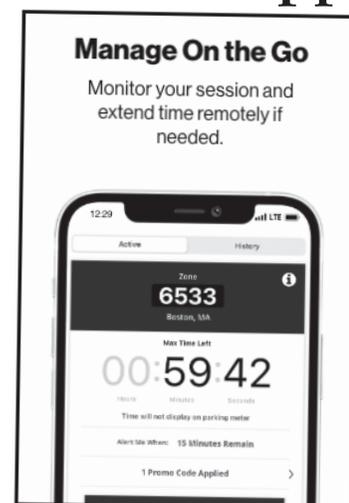
All current ParkBoston users will need to immediately update their app to the new version to continue making mobile parking payments in the city. Updating the app is a quick and easy process that takes less than one minute.

The new ParkBoston app allows people to easily pay for parking right from their mobile device in over 7,000 spots across the city, as well as any location in North America where ParkMobile is accepted.

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The new ParkBoston app offers new advanced features to improve the user experience, including a map view to locate nearby spaces, the “Find My Car” feature that navigates a user back to their parked vehicle, mobile alerts when a parking session is about to expire, and new payment options like Apple Pay and Google Pay.



“Together with ParkMobile, we are thrilled to officially launch the new and improved ParkBoston app, making it even easier for our residents and visitors to pay for parking all over the city,” Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Chief of Streets for the City of Boston, said in a press release. “With an enhanced design and innovative new features, the updated ParkBoston app creates a more seamless parking experience for those who choose to drive.”

The ParkBoston app is available for both iPhone and Android devices or can be accessed on a mobile web browser at <https://park.boston.gov/>. To pay for parking using the new ParkBoston app, users will create an account, enter the zone number posted on the stickers and signs around the parking spot, choose the duration of time they wish to park, and touch the “start parking” button. Users can easily extend the time of their parking session in the app, so they don’t have to run back to feed the meter.

Visit park-boston.gov to learn more about the app.

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the fun. I want to thank BTD and our public safety officials for making this expansion a reality.”

Newbury Street will be open to pedestrians and closed to motor vehicles from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. from the intersection at Berkeley Street to the intersection at Massachusetts Avenue on Aug. 21 and 28, and on Sept. 4, 11, 18, and 25. Parking will be restricted on Newbury Street and adjacent streets, with enforcement beginning at 5 a.m. Signs will be posted informing drivers of the change, according to the city.

“We are excited to increase the

number of Open Newbury days through the summer and fall for more residents to enjoy,” Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Chief of Streets, said in a press release. “More car-free open streets events for shopping, walking, cycling and active transportation helps us realize our vision of making Boston’s streets work better for everyone.”

Likewise, Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, said in a press release: “This initiative, led by our colleagues in the Boston Transportation Department, is an important initiative that continues to

bring much needed support to our local restaurants and small businesses with increased foot and bike traffic.”

Added Meg Mainzer-Cohen, executive Director of the Back Bay Association, “The Back Bay Association is enthusiastic about an expanded Open Newbury Street. We look forward to hearing from Newbury Street businesses about how the increased pedestrian days impact customers and businesses on Boston’s iconic retail corridor.”

BTD first piloted Open Newbury Street in 2016, with thousands of people enjoying shop-

ping and dining in the street on one Sunday in August. Building on the success of the first event, it was expanded to three Sundays a year in 2017, 2018, and 2019 and returned for three Sundays in 2021 after a one-year hiatus.

Businesses and attendees are encouraged to promote the event on social media using #OpenNewbury. The public is encouraged to utilize public transportation, in addition to bicycling and walking. For more information, visit the event’s website at boston.gov/open-newbury.

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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.

ELLIS 2022 FALL THEATER SERIES

The Ellis Neighborhood Association is very excited to announce a new partnership

with local theatre companies to offer discounted tickets to productions this fall. Here's a wonderful opportunity to get to know your neighbors while supporting the talent and dedication

of these important non-profit South End organizations. We've reserved seats for the following show dates. Mark your calendar,

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thing the community and the selection committee was looking for.

"But at the end of the day, Michael Cox is used to proving that more is possible," she said.

She continued, "I am proud that today, a boy from Roxbury is going to serve as the commissioner of the Boston Police Department; first and finest in the country."

Wu said that during her nine months in office, she has "already seen the incredible range of what our BPD officers are called to do day in and day out," and that the goal is to ensure all Boston communities are included.

During his remarks, Cox praised Wu and her leadership, as well as her "commitment" to the city's residents. He also thanked former police commissioners and his family.

"To come home and be able to lead in this department in this city, to come to a place where I grew up, where I was raised, where I was an officer, where I raised my family; this is an incredible opportunity," he said. "And with all great opportunities comes great responsibility, and I look forward to making sure I live up to that responsibility."

He continued, "Those in law

enforcement enter policing to serve the community, but we have to reimagine how we do that in the world we're living in today. We have to actively engage with the community, because in order for us to be successful, that's the path to get there."

When Cox was announced as the new commissioner last month, he spoke of community inclusion and getting feedback from the community in his remarks. He said he feels it's important to listen to the residents of Boston and what they need from the police department.

On Monday, he reiterated that sentiment and said that the department aims to support its officers and other members of the department by providing the tools they require "to be successful and safe."

Additionally, he said that the BPD will "hold each member of the department accountable for what we ask them to do. Most importantly, we will support them as they meet the community where they are."

Cox said that during the selection process when the city held community listening sessions, the majority of feedback indicated that residents want "transparency, accountability, procedural justice, [and] equity and inclu-

sion."

He said, "in our path forward, these will be the heart of everything that we're going to try to do with the police department."

As one of the oldest cities in the country, Cox said that Boston's police department "has, from time to time, failed..." but has gotten back up and looked for ways to move ahead.

"We are in a different time right now, and I'm quite confident that we will meet the challenge ahead of us," Cox said.

In July, Cox said that he was a "victim of unconstitutional policing" in 1995, but still remained a member of the police force because he wanted to make a difference.

The Associated Press reported that in 1995, Cox was working undercover as a plainclothes officer in the BPD's gang unit. Cox was about to grab a shooting suspect, the article reports, when he was "struck from behind." The article continues, "he was kicked and punched by fellow officers, suffering head injuries and kidney damage."

The article also said that an injury report states that Cox slipped on ice, "causing him to fall and crack his head."

Cox said, "I worked to change policing since that incident occurred, and I will continue to

do all I can do to make sure that no Black or Brown person, or any individual, no matter what their gender identity or race, is a victim of any kind of unconstitutional policing."

He praised the work of BPD officers and said that "this is a day full of hope. We're going to try to reimagine the police. We're going to be better, we're going to build off the strengths of every individual that works there, both sworn

and civilian."

Cox was optimistic in his remarks and expressed his belief in the department and in the City of Boston.

"As we move forward, we promise that we're going to try to be truly equitable and inclusive," he said. "We'll work to ensure that the department looks like the communities we serve, so we can always police in a community-friendly way."



Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC)

980 Harrison Avenue
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WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

BWSC will commence flushing of water mains in parts of Beacon Hill, Back Bay and Kenmore areas:

August 29th, 2022 through September 29th, 2022

The approximate boundaries for the areas being flushed: Charles River to the north, Huntington Avenue to the south, Boston Common to the east and Riverway and Park Drive to the west.



The purpose of the Water Main Flushing Program is to improve drinking water quality for residents and businesses.

**Water Main Flushing will take place between the hours of
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The flushing process may cause discolored water and a reduction in pressure. The discoloration of the water will be temporary and is not harmful. If the condition persists, please contact BWSC's 24 Hour Service at (617) 989-7000.

BWSC appreciates your patience as we work to improve the quality of drinking water we provide to the residents and businesses of Boston.

If you have any questions, contact BWSC's Night Operations Manager at (617) 989-7000 or visit our website @ www.bwsc.org.



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY MIKE MEJIA

Michael Cox takes the oath of office to become the 44th Boston Police Commissioner at a ceremony on August 15 on City Hall Plaza.

BOSTON LYRIC OPERA PRESENTS 'ROMEO AND JULIET' ON THE BOSTON COMMON



Cheryl Singleton and Ed Hoopman perform together as Narrator and The Prince.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Boston Lyric Opera in partnership with Commonwealth Shakespeare Company held two free performances in Boston Common of "Romeo and Juliet." All were invited, and a sizable crowd arrived to enjoy an operatic presentation of the classic tragedy on both August 11 and 13.



Grayson Bouse with Clara and Caleb Frotz are ready for the production to begin.



Vanessa Becerra as Juliet and Ricardo Garcia as Romeo after their marriage.



David McFerrin as Gregorio confronts Stephano, portrayed by Mark Wolz, for taunting the Capulets.

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Joshua Conyers as Capulet sings of the death that Romeo, portrayed by Ricardo Garcia, had just dealt.



Sheillanne Wambui stretches her legs during intermission with her rubber unicorn friend.



Boston Lyric Opera Acting Artistic Director Bradley Vernatter and Christina Fartushina.



An audience gathers at the stage set up by the Boston Lyric Opera in the Boston Common for their production of "Romeo and Juliet."

NEWS IN BRIEF

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and more info about signing up will be available in early September.

Sing Street

Presented by the Huntington Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7:30 pm
Boston Center for the Arts,
527 Tremont Street
Tickets: \$48

Heroes of the Fourth Turning

Presented by SpeakEasy Stage Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7:30 pm
Boston Center for the Arts,
527 Tremont Street
Tickets: \$35

The Play that Goes Wrong

Presented by Lyric Stage Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 pm
Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon St
Tickets: \$50

SUMMER DANCE PARTY SERIES

Boston's Summer Dance Party Series is back! This family-friendly event series, featuring salsa, kizomba, R&B, and house

music, is free and open to the public. Join us at City Hall Plaza on the following Fridays from 5PM - 8PM for each of our four dance parties:

- On Friday, August 19, 2022, enjoy a Kizomba dance party on City Hall Plaza! DJ Shy will be playing kizomba music and Kwality Kiz will be providing dance lessons.

- On Friday, August 26, 2022, enjoy an R&B dance party on City Hall Plaza with DJ ReaL P!

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 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.

- 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 Settlements) 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.

Mayor's Garden Contest returns to Public Garden

Mayor Michelle Wu joined Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, the city's Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space, and Boston Parks and Recreation Department Commissioner Ryan Woods in recognizing this year's

winners at the Mayor's 2022 Garden Contest Awards Ceremony on Monday, Aug. 15, in the Public Garden.

Fenway contestants swept the Community garden category, with Steven Davy and Donna

Di Pierro; John Ruiz; and Ellen Bowers taking first, second, and third place, respectively.

Tess Cunard of Fenway/Kenmore place third in the Shade category.

In the Porch, Balcony, or Container category, Alex and Stephanie Tsalagas of the South took first place while Southenders Beverly Christians and Chris Hartmann came in second.

First-place winners in each garden category received the coveted "Golden Trowel" award from Mayor Wu while Nancy Cressin of West Roxbury, who was the first-place winner in the Large Yard category, was the winner of the contest's JetBlue Grand Prize Drawing for two round trip tickets for non-stop travel from Boston.



Winners in the Porch, Balcony, or Container category are seen with Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, the city's Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space (far left), and Mayor Michelle Wu (far right).



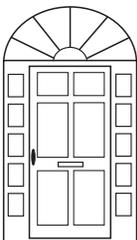
Judges in Mayor Wu's 2022 Garden Contest are seen with Boston Parks and Recreation Department Commissioner Ryan Woods (second from left); Mayor Michelle Wu (sixth from left); Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, the city's Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space (second from right); and Dan Blake, Director of Airport Operations for JetBlue.



Mayor Michelle Wu congratulates Paul Belanger of the West End for placing third in the Porch, Balcony, and Container category.

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SCENES FROM SUNDAY AT WORCESTER SQUARE PARK

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Residents of Worcester Square come out to enjoy the centerpiece of their historic neighborhood together. Families and friends converged on the urban park to picnic, play, and enjoy each others company.



The Worcester Sq Fountain.



Mike Somers and Christian Cote.



Matt Sadowski and Paul Gagnon.



Miguel Garcia and Sam Fisher.



Mike Wilson and George Stergios.



Neighbors Jenny Fauth and John Stillwagon.



Caleb Wilson.



Shown above, Teddy Wilson with his mom Jenny Fauth.

Shown to the left, enjoying some family time in Worcester Square together is Liam, Paola, Luca, and Desi Murphy.

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Council unanimously passes ordinance establishing new flag raising policy

Staff Report

On August 10, Councilors Kenzie Bok, Ruthzee Louijeune, and Ed Flynn led the unanimous passage of an ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 1, to codify city policy regarding the display of flags on City Hall Plaza.

“Ceremonial flag raisings are a reflection of who we are as a City, whether we’re flying flags of other nations to show solidarity with Boston’s immigrant communities or the Pride flag to affirm allyship with the LGBTQ+ community” said Councilor Bok. “It’s incredibly important that the Boston City Council passed this ordinance so that we may resume

these celebrations as clear official messages of the City. I’m grateful to all my colleagues and Mayor Wu for their partnership.”

The ordinance codifies that raisings of other flags on the City’s flagpole are official government speech by the City of Boston and that the City’s flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. As a result, all flag raisings must be initiated by a proclamation of the Mayor or by a Boston City Council resolution.

“We have a rich city of diverse people and ethnic backgrounds that we want to celebrate while we are doing the work to uplift communities,” said Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune. “This flag

raising ordinance clarifies and codifies the process for flag raisings and the messages that we as a city want to convey each time a different flag is raised. I am proud of the work we did on this ordinance and look forward to returning to our tradition of flag raising next Tuesday.”

“The passage of this ordinance allows us to codify a formal process on flag raising and lets us reflect our city’s values through the use of our flagpoles,” said Councilor Flynn. “I want to thank Councilors Bok and Louijeune for their work on this ordinance and my colleagues

for their support.”

In June 2022, the Supreme Court released an opinion in *Shurtleff v. Boston* stating that the City of Boston’s prior policy for determining which flags could fly on the third flagpole had had the effect of turning the City’s flagpole into a public forum for private speech, to which all voices were entitled to access. Writing for the Court, however, Justice Stephen Breyer laid out a test by which the raising of other flags on the City’s flagpole could be properly limited to government speech, and stated explicitly that “nothing prevents Boston

from changing its policies going forward”.

With the passage of this ordinance, the Council has now clearly established a new policy for flag raisings in the City of Boston that aligns with the Court’s test for government speech. Councilors Bok, Louijeune, and Flynn look forward to joining Council colleagues and Mayor Wu for the first use of this new policy on Tuesday August 16, Dominican Restoration Day, when we expect the City of Boston to raise the Dominican flag by Mayoral proclamation.

Wu announces new BPDA policy to increase diversity in private development projects

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Michelle Wu on August 11 announced a new policy for the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to increase diversity in private development projects.

“Boston is a growing city; we want to keep it that way,” Wu said at the press conference held in her office at City Hall.

“The policy will call on large developers proposing new projects to disclose their plans to include women and people of color in their projects in every part of their teams,” she said. “This is about ensuring that success is spread across our communities, while incentivizing sustainable growth and creating more transparent, predictable processes.”

District 7 City Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson said that “like any other policy, I think that it’s important that we collaborate or partner with the city departments. I look forward to working with Chief [Arthur] Jemison as well as everyone else in the departments; administration; Mayor Wu, in order for us to create access to community.”

She said that “I am invested in the work; I look forward to doing more collaboration.”

City Councilor At-Large Erin Murphy also said “I am here to uplift the mayor’s new policy,

which is very exciting,” as well as making sure that the Council enacts other policies moving forward.

Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison said that this policy is a “request that proponents disclose a [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)] plan whenever the developer proposes a project over 20,000 square feet. The plan will include economic participation and employment and management roles for people of color, women, and certified M/WBEs within the scope of the project.”

He continued, “it’s responsive to our commitment to advancing economic development opportunities in the real estate sector for everyone.”

According to a press release from the city, the BPDA will use the requested plans “for informational purposes to understand disparities in the real estate market, increase M/WBE participation over time, and evaluate strategies to drive greater impact.”

This new policy comes alongside other “ongoing transformations at the BPDA,” according to the release, including planning-led development, hiring and organizational change, hiring a Deputy Chief of Urban Design, and last month, adopting a decarbonization strategy for BPDA property.

Boston Area prices were up 7.0 percent year-over-year

Staff Report

The New England Information Office of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has released figures for the Boston CPI in July 2022. The CPI program produces monthly data on the changes in prices paid by urban consumers for a representative basket of goods and services. The highlights appear below:

- The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton area was up 0.7 percent over the two months. This was main-

ly attributable to higher prices within food, up 2.6 percent.

- Over the last 12 months, the CPI-U rose 7.0 percent in Boston; the rate was lower than the national rate, up 8.5 percent.

- The all items less food and energy index increased 3.9 percent over the year driven mainly by higher shelter (2.8 percent), medical care (6.9 percent), and new and used motor vehicle costs (7.5 percent).

- Energy prices jumped 43.9 percent since last July largely attributable to higher gasoline prices, up 55.1 percent.

- Food prices increased over

the year (10.3 percent) the highest annual advance recorded in Boston since July 1979 (+12.4 percent). This was mainly due to higher grocery prices, up 10.9 percent.

- Of the twelve metropolitan areas for which inflation measures are available this month, Boston had the third-lowest annual rate (7.0 percent). New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA posted the lowest annual rate (6.5 percent). The largest increase was seen in Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (11.2 percent).

Multiple music legends descend over East Cambridge for festival honoring Healing Saints Cosmas and Damian

Staff Report

Rock & Roll, Vocal, and Grammy Halls Fame Artist, The Platters will host fellow international headline recording artists The Trammps, Chubby Checker & The Wildcats, and Starship featuring Mickey Thomas at the 97th edition of the Italian Culture, Family, and Food Festival honoring the Italian healing Saints Cosmas and Damian on Cambridge, Warren and Porter Streets in East Cambridge, the weekend of September 9, 10, and 11, 2022.

The three-day fun family event features a wide variety of sweet and savory food, a “Beer Garden” sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, and music that spans four decades of dance, pop, and rock kicks off Friday at 6 p.m. when Saints Cosmas and Damian accompanied by mem-

bers of the fraternal Society, the North End Marching Band, and the faithful process from their permanent home at 17 Porter Street in East Cambridge to the outdoor chapel overlooking the festival concourse on Warren Street. At 7 p.m., a special healing service with the holy relics of Saints Cosmas and Damian led by Monsignor Anthony Spinosa (formerly from East Cambridge) from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon will take place.

At 7:30 p.m., teleport with Morning Magic co-host David O’Leary (MAGIC 106.7 FM) and Club Classic DJ Ricky P. (former STAR FM) at the Warren Street Stage and dance under the stars to the hottest club classics along with an exceptional live performance by disco greats The Trammps (Disco Inferno, Hold Back the Night, That’s Where the Happy People Go, Zing Went

The Strings Of My Heart...). On Friday, be “where all the happy people go” at the outdoor “Warren Street Disco,” where parties can also take a shot at walking away with a \$500.00 grand cash prize at a Throwback Disco Dance Contest.

On Saturday, the festivities begin at 1 p.m. as the savory aromas of pizza, fried dough, Italian sausages, peppers, Zeppole’s, and much more permeate the air around Cambridge, Porter, and Warren Streets, along with continual live entertainment.

Beginning at 7 p.m., the Feast area expands to include the Cambridge Street Stage igniting an evening of song and dance as festival attendees rock through the decades as they twist the night away with the legendary Chubby Checker & The Wildcats (Twist,

(FESTIVAL Pg. 10)

Back Bay Architectural Commission denies faux wisteria at Eliot Hotel; storefront for Verizon store on Boylston St.

By Lauren Bennett

The Back Bay Architectural Commission (BBAC) on August 10 denied without prejudice a proposal for a faux wisteria vine on the Eliot Hotel at 370 Commonwealth Ave. but approved planter boxes at the same location, and denied without prejudice a proposal for a new storefront for the Verizon store at 745 Boylston St.

370 COMMONWEALTH AVE.

At 370 Commonwealth Ave., Pascale Schlaefli proposed to install black planters on the existing railings surrounding the patio on Massachusetts Ave., as well as to install faux wisteria vines on the facade of the hotel.

Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review for the Boston Landmarks Commission, said that a subcommittee has been created to deal with lights and faux plantings in the district, but has yet to meet.

Schlaefli said that the black planter boxes would contain real

flowers and would not obstruct the sidewalk, and would also “bring some greenery on Mass. Ave.” She said that the planters have already been installed, but are simple to remove should the Commission decide they are not appropriate.

In all, there are nine planters. The Commission voted to approve the planter boxes.

Schlaefli said that the faux wisteria vine would be made of silk flowers and would not look cheap. “We certainly do not want to hide any of the beautiful structure of the Eliot Hotel,” she said, but added that she feels the vine is necessary in order to “stay and reinvent ourselves after COVID.”

There was some discussion over whether or not the vine would be seasonal, and Schlaefli said that was “up for discussion.”

Commissioner David Eisen said that he feels that the vine “interferes with the reading of the architecture.”

One resident commented that he is against the faux wisteria

vine, but was in favor of the planter boxes if they had real flowers in them.

Rebecca Brooks, who said she lives nearby and across from the ‘Quin House, said she is not in favor of the faux flowers on the ‘Quin House building, and also had concerns with the wisteria proposal.

“This is Victorian Back Bay,” she said. “We have so many real flowers that are beautiful, and I’m also concerned about if this is approved, that it’s the camel’s nose under the tent.”

Tom High of backbayhouses.org agreed with Commissioners that the faux flowers are “quite disruptive to the architecture.”

Though the Commission approved the planter boxes, it denied without prejudice the faux wisteria vine and remanded it to whatever the subcommittee decides for such proposals.

745 BOYLSTON ST.

At 745 Boylston St., architect Kenneth Gruskin proposed to replace the existing Max Brenner storefront with a new one for

Verizon, which is moving from its current location next door.

The proposal includes a metallic storefront with the Verizon logo. He explained that it has details that connect it to the building, including “the way the glass is set up in the storefront aligns with the windows above.”

He said that the proposed sign is a “push through sign” that is “very thin” and “internally lit.”

There was quite a bit of discussion about the scale of the storefront, and some Commissioners felt that it should be more in line with the existing Max Brenner storefront.

“It has to do with the way that Verizon likes to orchestrate their interior,” Gruskin said.

Commissioner Robert Weintraub agreed with Commissioner John Christiansen that “the scale is way off.”

Commissioner David Eisen said that he “doesn’t think it’s inappropriate” and that he “likes the simplicity,” though he did suggest that the sign band be a little more narrow.

John Tankard, a member of

the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) Architecture Committee, also said that a “minimalist approach” should be kept, and made some other comments about the glass portion of the storefront.

Sue Prindle, also of the NABB Architecture Committee, said that the committee had concerns about the sign band’s depth and the “size of the lettering,” as well as the “lack of articulation of in and out.”

The Commission ultimately voted to deny this proposal without prejudice, asking the proponent to “find a design that better compliments the scale, details, and materials of the existing building.” The Commission also stated that the “scale, color, material, and massing of the proposed storefront presently is unfit for the architecture of the building.”

The proponent is allowed to come back before the Commission with a different proposal that addresses these concerns.

Councilors Flynn, Flaherty to host CPA info session on Aug. 23

Staff Report

Boston City Council President Ed Flynn and City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty are partnering with the Office of Community Preservation to host an information session for District 2 residents on the Community Preservation Act (CPA) on Tuesday, August 23, 6pm via Zoom. This meeting aims to provide information and resources for residents, civic groups and organizations in District 2 who may want to apply for funding

from the CPA. Topics will include the funding application process, the timeline, eligible projects, and other related information.

The CPA provides funding for initiatives related to affordable housing, historic preservation, open space, and outdoor recreation facilities. The application round for the fall will open in October 2022, close on November 9, 2022 at 5pm, and interested applicants must complete eligibility forms by August 31, 2022. Recognizing the oppor-

tunities that CPA presents for residents and organizations who want to preserve and improve our neighborhoods, Councilor Flynn is hosting this meeting to allow residents and organizations to learn more about how they can utilize CPA funding to enhance our community.

“With the new round of application for CPA funding available now, we want to make sure that our neighbors have the information and resources to take full advantage of this opportunity

to fund relevant projects,” said Councilor Flynn. “I’m delighted to partner with the city to host this meeting so that residents can learn more about what CPA can do for our community.”

“When I worked to get the CPA adopted in Boston, it was because I knew the transformative effects the funds from the program would have across the city,” said Councilor Flaherty. “I want to make sure residents in our city have every opportunity to harness the impact of these

funds, and I encourage folks to come and learn more about the CPA application process, and get their applications in.”

To register for the information session, please visit:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEKfuyqqjgpHtCsbfahBvOYCaEO-8SUHuR45>

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn’s office at 617-635-3203 and ed.flynn@boston.gov.

FESTIVAL (from pg. 9)

Let’s Twist Again, Limbo Rock, The Hucklebuck...), and rock on with the architects of the city built on Rock & Roll, Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, jamming to their mega hits that include We Built This City, Nothings Gonna Stop Us, Sara, It’s Not Over. Between Checker and Starship, they’ll be a special surprise Rock & Roll Hall of Fame performance taking concertgoers

on a musical journey through the decades of music from the 50s to today. Around the corner on the Warren Street Stage, New England’s favorite party group, Vinyl Groove, performs with continuous dancing under the stars.

The grand finale of the Feast on Sunday begins at 10 a.m. with Boston Auxiliary Bishop Peter Uglietto as the principal celebrant of a Mass in honor of

the Healing Saints Cosmas and Damian on the Warren Street Stage. At 1 p.m., the grand procession with the Saints, accompanied by the North End Marching Band, St. Alfio’s Marching Band, and the award-winning Everett High School Marching Band under the direction of Gene O’Brien, winds through the streets of East Cambridge and Somerville.

Local favorites Stephen Savio’s Seabreeze and Smokin’ Joe and his band entertain throughout the day as the food and fun flow through the streets. The parade arrives back on Warren Street at 7 pm for a welcome back celebration featuring a confetti shower followed by a LIVE performance in honor of the Saints by The Platters (Only You, Great Pretender, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes,

Twilight Time...) performing their classic hits, some old Italian classics selected and arranged specifically for this celebration including a sneak preview of new music being added to the Great American soundtrack by the group in more than six decades later this year.

For Feast and vendor information, call (617)-407-1256 or visit www.cosmas-and-damian.org.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Burch, Joye	Mangini, Janet M	135 Commonwealth Ave #6	\$783,000
Emkay, Srinidhi	Darack, Joel S	73 Marlborough St #1	\$975,000
Gallagher, Timothy	Deborah H Mcaneny RET	121 Marlborough St #4	\$1,550,000
Lurie, Elizabeth	Susan Lyman Richards FT	63 Saint Botolph St #4	\$1,350,000
Rosen, Arnold G	Teixeira Eugene B Est	92 Beacon St #53	\$1,250,000
Bonnie M Strittmatter RET	329 Comm Hldg LLC	329 Commonwealth Ave #3	\$3,180,000
Schatz, Donald H	Talbot, Tara	364 Marlborough St #B1	\$530,000
380 Marlborough LLC	TFC RT	380 Marlborough St #3	\$2,185,000
Franklin, Kirk J	Denchev, Doichin	200 Saint Botolph St #2	\$650,000
BEACON HILL			
Mayo LT	Letzeiser, Christine	293 Beacon St #6	\$749,000
Baxter-Miguel, Martha J	Leighton Jane M Est	20 Chestnut St #2	\$1,600,000
Boston Gallop LLC	Stemberg, Dola H	5 Louisburg Sq	\$13,000,000
Reilly, Sarah	Ganiats, Ronald A	54 Pinckney St	\$5,800,000
68 Pinckney Street T	Frawley, Andrew J	68 Pinckney St	\$3,875,000
Ross, Julie	Caldwell, Keith	63 W Cedar St #4	\$905,000
Le, Hao T	Connor, Sandra S	6 Whittier Pl #8K	\$422,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Spadafora Jr, Robert L	Simeone, Jeanna T	104 Appleton St #1	\$1,465,000
Shugert, Robert W	Halliday Jr, Robert J	61 Chandler St #1	\$1,675,000
Berry, Kevin M	Prasad, Tara L	88 Chandler St #2	\$935,000
Rauh, Rachel E	Mcquillan, Ries	117 Chandler St #4	\$1,480,000
Barnes, Jordan E	Maffett, Baxter H	1 Charles St S #501	\$850,000
Ladha, Shahrezad	Selvaggi, Joseph A	1 Charles St S #8A	\$1,350,000
Patti, Michael D	Schuster, Rebecca L	285 Columbus Ave #404	\$770,000
Henry P Scheidel RET	Ddyl Properties RT	110 Stuart St #16G	\$2,025,000
University Club	Trinty Stuart Dev LLC	430-436 Stuart St	\$5,565,000
Ablon, Brooke	Atelier Family Realty LL	505 Tremont St #906	\$4,862,500
Wong, Lindsay	Lorincz, Keri	197 W Canton St #2	\$975,000
Nayuha-Ruiz, Ochoa	Mccabe, Oine	236 W Canton St #3	\$995,000
Tural, Gulden	Columbus Condo LLC	563 Columbus Ave #2	\$1,099,000
Nevins, Brian	Miskiewicz, Kathleen M	12 Concord Sq #4	\$753,275
Youniss, Madeleine	Haley, David M	26 Dwight St #2	\$1,703,000
Sullivan, Marguerite	Ferendeci, Deniz	98 E Brookline St #2	\$1,375,000
Hanna, Courtney	Dellarocca, Kimberly	34 E Newton St #1	\$464,000
Eskina, Christine E	Sherchan, Summit	34 E Newton St #2	\$515,000
Fisch, Marisa	Wong, Frances	51 Hemenway St #1	\$675,000
Weiser, Eryn L	Anthony J Skarupa RET	128 Pembroke St #2	\$3,425,000
Weiser, Eryn L	Anthony J Skarupa RET	128 Pembroke St #3	\$3,425,000
Sylvia Portnoy 2014 RET	Kushket Manelis 2014	241 Perkins St #C403	\$928,000
Ding, Angel Y	Cronan, Robert T	2 Rollins St #D604	\$1,100,000
Olson, Jens	Friedman, David	39 Rutland Sq #2	\$3,020,000
Scholes, Christopher T	Burke, Jacob	448 Shawmut Ave #1	\$745,000
Winter, Meredith	Tessimond, Craig E	32 Traveler St #503	\$1,150,000
Chay, Jennifer H	Trinity I RT	641 Tremont St #2	\$670,000
Delabie, Celine	Kordan, Anna	201 W Springfield St #3	\$1,000,000
Prasad, Tara	Mcdonough, Patricia	1313 Washington St #220	\$1,280,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Oliveira, Duarte N	Oliveira, Sean M	300 Commercial St #801	\$615,000
K A Lyon Pingree 2002 RET	Millennium 3105 Rlty Ven	1 Franklin St #3105	\$1,875,000
Silverstein, David W	R&Aurora Porter LT	1 Franklin St #5401	\$3,150,000
Mccullough Kurtz T	Caulder, William L	99 Fulton St #1-3	\$1,050,000
Sotolongo, Jeffrey J	Barancik, Bryan S	99 Fulton St #4-1	\$725,000
Gray, David R	Joseph R Mccabe 3rd T	300 Pier 4 Blvd #7J	\$2,987,500
Prasla, Farah	Ileto, Andrew L	210 South St #3-1	\$1,090,000
Alroomi, Mohammad H	Ribleto, Marc	580 Washington St #6F	\$967,500

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The triangular oriel window in the last clue is on the Beacon Street side of 50 Charlesgate West. An oriel window projects from the upper stories of a building and does not reach the ground. Building designers use these to bring more light into the interior and provide views of the street below.

You'll find the next clue in the South End.

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