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Cyclists make their way down a Boston street bike lane.

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Wu announces 9.4 miles of new bike lanes; 'citywide design process'; safety improvements

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Michelle Wu was joined by city officials and bike activists for a press conference on Sept. 6 at the Tobin Community Center to announce new bike lanes and safety measures in the city.

Wu began her remarks by stating what the city has done during the Orange Line shutdown to increase transit access to riders, including adding dedicated bike and bus lanes, making Blue Bikes free, replacing damaged sidewalks near Orange Line shuttle

stops, adding wayfinding signage, and adding tents at shuttle stops to shield riders from the rain and sun.

"It is easy to see how transportation justice is racial and economic justice," Wu said. She announced that a "citywide design process" was being launched that will employ recovery funds from the federal government.

In addition to the design process, 9.4 miles of protected bike lanes will be constructed by the end of next year "to mend key gaps and expand our network,"

Wu said.

In the Back Bay and Downtown, bike lanes are being planned for Berkeley St., Boylston St., and Milk St. In the Fenway/Kenmore area, there are plans for Commonwealth Ave. and Hemenway St., and in the South End and Bay Village, plans are for Albany St., Berkeley St., Charles St., and South/Tremont St.

Other neighborhoods where there are plans for bike lanes include Allston-Brighton, Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain, and

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Emerald Necklace Parkfest set for Sept. 24

By Lauren Bennett

Olmsted Now and its partner organizations are gearing up for Emerald Necklace Parkfest, the culminating event in the celebration of creator Frederick Law Olmsted's 200th anniversary. The event will take place on Sept. 24.

"It is a collective effort and it's an opportunity to see the parks in the park system that Olmsted designed for Greater Boston as a

platform for us to come together and be seen," said Jen Mergel, Director of Experience and Cultural Partnerships at the Emerald Necklace Conservancy.

Residents will have the opportunity to participate in events, programming, and performances in parks across the Emerald Necklace system, including Charlesgate Park, the Back Bay Fens, Riverway, Olmsted Park/Allerton Overlook, Jamaica Pond, Arnold Arboretum, and

Franklin Park. Olmsted Now has been exploring themes of "shared use, shared health, and shared power in public parks and space" throughout the bicentennial celebration, and this event will continue to do the same.

Though there will be activities across several areas, Mergel told the Sun about some of the activities and events happening in the Back Bay/Fenway area.

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Boston voters let their preferences be heard

By Dan Murphy

After the votes were tallied in the Sept. 6 state primary, Democrat Maura Healey, who will face off with Republican Geoff Diehl in the gubernatorial race in the November general election, was also the preferred candidate among Boston voters.

According to the City of Boston's unofficial election results, Attorney General Healey received nearly 80 percent of the ballot, or 58,749 of the 73,593 votes cast, in the Democratic race for the seat, as of around 3:26 a.m. on Sept. 7, with nearly all of the precincts statewide reporting their results. Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz trailed with nearly 20 percent of the ballot, or 14,471 votes cast citywide. (Sen. Chang-Diaz had previously out of the election, although her name still appeared on the ballot).

For the Republic gubernatorial race, former state representative Geoff Diehl was the favorite candidate among Boston voters, receiving 56 percent of the ballot, or 4,123 votes cast citywide. Chris Doughty received nearly 44 percent of the ballot, or 3,220 votes cast citywide in the race.

In the Democratic race for lieutenant governor, Kimberly Driscoll was the top candidate citywide, receiving nearly 50 percent of the ballot or 33,507 ballots cast. Trailing Driscoll were Tami Gouveia, who received slightly more than 25 percent of the ballot, or 16,958 votes cast citywide; and Eric P. Lesser, with around 24 percent of the ballot, or 16,444 votes cast citywide.

In the Republican race for the lieutenant governor's race, Leah Allen received around 51 percent of the ballot, or 3,383 votes cast citywide, edging out Kate Campandale, who received nearly 48 percent of the ballot, or 3,146 votes cast citywide.

In the Democratic race for attorney general, Andrea Campbell, a former Boston city councilor and one-time mayoral candidate, received nearly 69



Democratic Candidate for Governor Maura Healey.

percent of the ballot, or 50,019 votes cast citywide. Shannon Liss-Riordan, a labor attorney who was a Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate in the 2020 election, trailed Campbell, with around 23 percent of the ballot, or 16,650 votes cast citywide. Quentin Palfrey, who once led the health care division in the Attorney General's Office and served as general counsel in the U.S. Commerce Department under President Biden, and was also an unsuccessful candidate in the 2018 lieutenant governor's race, received more than 8 percent of the ballot, or 6,093 votes cast citywide, to place third in the race. (Although Palfrey's name still appeared on the ballot, he had already withdrawn and endorsed Campbell for the seat.)

In the November general election, Campbell will face off with James R. McMahon III, who ran unopposed as the Republican candidate for attorney general in the Sept. 6 primary.

Incumbent Secretary of State Bill Galvin was the top vote-getter citywide in the Democratic race for that seat, earning 55 percent of the ballot, or 40,684 votes cast citywide. Tanisha Sullivan, president of the Boston chapter of the NAACP, trailed Galvin, with around 44 percent of the ballot, or 32,643 votes cast citywide.

In November, Galvin will face off against Rayla Campbell, who ran unopposed as the Republican

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EDITORIAL

CLIMATE CHANGE IS EVERYWHERE, ALL AT ONCE

About a dozen years ago, the New York Times columnist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tom Friedman wrote a column in which he explained that "global warming" was a misnomer for the coming changes to the earth's environment. He quoted some climate scientists who suggested that the more-appropriate way to think about the coming changes in our weather pattern is to call it "global weirding."

That's because, wrote Friedman, the effects of spewing fossil fuels into the environment will not become manifest in something as benign-sounding as "global warming." After all, if the planet gets a little bit warmer, the term "global warming" suggests that we only need to crank up the AC in the summer and we can turn down our thermostats in the winter. No big deal, right?

But by using the term "global weirding," the scientists were telling us that extreme weather events, fueled by a warming atmosphere, would become the norm in every part of the globe.

Consider that in this summer alone, the American West is facing a drought that appears to be the worst in 1200 years and the northeast is also now experiencing drought conditions.

Yet at the same time, record rainfalls have brought about floods that have overwhelmed St. Louis, Kentucky, Yellowstone National Park, Dallas, Mississippi, and Georgia.

Boise, Idaho just experienced its hottest August and has seen the most days over 100 degrees (already at 22) in a year since the city's record-keeping began in 1875.

Some parts of China are experiencing their longest sustained heat wave since record-keeping began in 1961, according to China's National Climate Center, leading to manufacturing shutdowns owing to a lack of hydropower because of dried-up rivers.

Yet there also has been dramatic flooding in other parts of the country where the highest-ever water levels in history have been recorded on some rivers.

Parts of Japan are in extreme drought and that country recently endured its hottest June since record-keeping began in 1874.

In Europe, the drought affecting Spain, Portugal, France, and Italy is on track to be the worst in 500 years.

Yet two weeks ago, torrential rains once again drenched England, turning London's streets into rivers and flooding the underground train system. Oh, and London earlier this summer recorded its hottest day on record that precipitated wildfires in the city's outskirts.

A dozen years after Mr. Friedman's column, the term "global warming" has been retired and we now use the more-accurate term of climate change.

On the other hand, given how crazy the weather has been all across the planet these past few weeks, "global weirding" does have a better ring of truth to it.

But whatever we want to call it, it is clear that there is no escaping the inevitable effects of our warming planet -- and about the only thing we can say for sure is that things are going to get a lot worse.

While we certainly applaud the recently-passed bill (the so-called Inflation Reduction Act) by Congress that will set the U.S. on a world-leading path to reducing fossil fuel emissions, we can't help but think that it is too little, too late.

SERENA WILLIAMS IS AN INSPIRATION FOR EVERYBODY

We wish to add our voice to the universal acclaim for tennis star Serena Williams, who played her last match this past week at the U.S. Open.

The life story of Serena and her sister Venus, as depicted in the movie King Richard (named after their father), would be too fantastical even for Hollywood if it were not true.

Their rise from the hard-scrabble asphalt courts of Compton, California, to the pinnacle of tennis greatness, in which they overcame the obstacles of overt racism and near-poverty, serves as an inspiration for all of us. Their success is a testament to the virtues of hard work, dedication, and perseverance in the face of adversity.

We congratulate Serena Williams on her success as the greatest female athlete of all time and wish her the best of luck in her life off the court in the years ahead.

REGARDING THE HARASSMENT AROUND BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

A copy of the following letter from City Councilor Flynn was submitted to the Beacon Hill Times for publication.

Dear Dr. Churchwell:

I'm writing in regards to the alarming reports of harassment from far right and anti-LGBTQ+ groups targeting Boston Children's Hospital, and want to offer my support to the hospital, as well as to the staff and patients at your hospital. Boston Children's Hospital is providing life saving and necessary care to our transgender youth, and it is repugnant that the hospital and its clinicians are subjected to this level of vitriol, and even a bomb threat. I wanted to let you know that I have already reached out to Boston's Human Rights Commission about this, and am

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committed to working to address hate, discrimination, and extremism.

I represent a diverse district with a large number of immigrants and LGBTQ+ residents, and I have made it my priority to address hateful rhetoric and extremism as a City Councilor. This unfortunately is not the first time that extremist groups have targeted our medical professionals. Earlier this year, there were reports of the neo-Nazi harassment of Brigham and Women's Hospital medical professionals working on healthcare equity, spreading hateful and false narratives that threaten their safety and work. It is disgusting that medical professionals are being threatened again by hateful groups who spread misinformation and lies about their work.

I have requested that the City of Boston's Human Rights Commission document this incident, and similar events moving forward, so that the residents of Boston and any hate watch

groups or relevant law enforcement organizations are aware of their presence in our city, as well as providing any available resources and support to those who experienced incidents of hate. I have worked closely with the Human Rights Commission on addressing hate crimes and discrimination, and will continue to work with them to bring awareness to these issues of extremism, and stand firmly against any form of hate or discrimination.

I wanted to thank the professionals at Boston Children's Hospital for their work as a world class institution in our country that provides exceptional care to so many families, and offer any assistance that might be helpful in the future. If you or any staff impacted by this incident would like to speak to me, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 617-635-3203, or at Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

Ed Flynn, Boston City Council - District 2

GUEST OP-ED

Make this next season of life a great one

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Enjoyable weather is coming soon. For many parts of the country September through November offers many pleasant days. Don't waste them by spending all your time staring at the television or Facebook. You still have some life to live. Spending four or five hours a day watching what everyone else is doing is a waste of your time.

There are programs you enjoy and news events that grab our attention. There are a few people you enjoy keeping up with via social media. After this, get a life. Do you want to spend the rest of your life with your head bent down staring at a tablet or a cell phone? You might get to a point where all you can do is sit in your chair and stare at the television. I've seen many good people who at the end of their lives who could do nothing but watch television or stare into space. Often our bodies get to where that's all we can do. Is this all you can do now? Consider your daily options.

Stop throwing your life away

doing nothing. Have verbal conversations with people on the telephone. You can overdo this as well but it's at least human interaction. Keep moving, stretching and exerting yourself. Plan your meals and eat as healthy as possible and don't overeat. Save some for your next meal. You'll live till the next one.

Go somewhere when you can. Going someplace is better than no place. A change of pace and being outdoors is mentally good for you. Your travel may be across the street but the key is to move and get out.

You will get depressed if all you are doing is eating, staring at your cell phone and flipping television channels. If you are physically able, work ten to twenty hours a week. Somebody will hire you.

Everyone needs something to do, someone to talk to and something to look forward to doing. You also need someone to love and first you always have God. God loves you now and if you'll open your heart, he will fill your life with his love. There are people to love. Love your family, love friends, love people at work

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Wu recognizes International Overdose Awareness Day

Staff Report

Mayor Michelle Wu on last Wednesday recognized International Overdose Awareness Day, which raises awareness about overdoses in Boston and honors the memory of Bostonians who have died from substance use disorder. Acknowledging this public health issue can reduce the stigma for those who grieve or are currently experiencing the substance use disorder.

In recognition of Overdose Awareness Day and National Recovery Month this September, Boston City Hall was lit purple. State bridges and state government buildings were also illuminated to honor those who have died from substance use disorder, as well as those in recovery.

The City of Boston joined families and volunteers and planted 20,000 purple flags on the Boston Common, each representing a person who has died from an overdose in the Commonwealth over the last 10 years.

“Building a city for everyone means ensuring that every person impacted by substance use is

connected to city services and has a path to a stable recovery and housing,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “As we mark International Overdose Awareness Day, we will continue to drive this critical work forward across every neighborhood. I’m grateful to all of our partners in public health and public safety working collaboratively every day to lower barriers and increase access to services.”

The City continues to experience the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and its convergence with the opioid epidemic. The pandemic disrupted treatment and the drug supply, resulting in increased risk of fatal overdose. State officials are seeing fentanyl involved in 93% of fatal overdoses. Opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts increased by 8.8% in 2021 compared to 2020, and exacerbated inequities among our Black and Latinx neighbors.

“As we acknowledge International Overdose Awareness Day, we must recognize the heroic actions of outreach workers and first responders who have

reversed countless overdoses and saved many lives during the past year,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. “Expanding access to life-saving harm reduction services like Naloxone (Narcan) will continue to be a priority in our public health approach to addressing the needs of individuals living with substance use disorders in Boston.”

Mayor Wu with support from the City Council committed \$6 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to address substance use disorder through the creation of new programs such as neighborhood engagement teams, low-barrier daytime spaces, and low-threshold transitional housing. Under Mayor Wu’s leadership, Boston developed a long-term strategic outlook and enhanced its Coordinated Response Team made up of over ten city departments which respond to acute needs related to substance use and homelessness.

Observed every September,

National Recovery Month provides an opportunity to celebrate individuals living in recovery and to raise awareness about the services and supports available to people experiencing substance use disorder.

Through the Boston Public Health Commission’s Office of Recovery Services, the Mayor’s Office is partnering across departments and neighborhoods to support the following activities and community events this September:

- Tipping the Pain Scale Documentary – A collaboration with the Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture and Boston Public Library to show the documentary Tipping the Pain Scale about the opioid epidemic and featuring frontline work in Boston. September 26th.

- Recovery Day – Statewide celebration of recovery taking place at Faneuil Hall. September 29th.

- Rainy Day Poems – Poems about resilience and hope painted on Boston sidewalks that appear during the rain. Ongoing event.

- City Hall Art Exhibit – Fea-

turing art from a comic book teaching teens about opioids. Opens September 15.

- Events Calendar – Lifting up events and activities happening across the City. Ongoing throughout September.

To learn more about recovery services and where to find help, call 311 or visit the website www.Boston/Recovery. If you suspect someone has overdosed, you should call 9-1-1 immediately. Fatal overdoses are preventable through harm reduction and education. Outreach workers from the Boston Public Health Commission routinely reverse anywhere between one to four opioid-related overdoses per day by administering naloxone (Narcan) and have saved countless lives to date. The Commission also offers programs that train opioid users, families, and providers how to prevent, recognize, and intervene during a drug overdose using naloxone. For more information regarding the training programs, please contact the BPHC overdose prevention program at 617-534-7842 or by visiting boston.gov/recovery.

Positive COVID test-rates drop last week in the Fenway while rising in South End

By Dan Murphy

Covid rates were on the decline in the Fenway, despite seeing an uptick in the South End, as well as in the Back Bay and surrounding neighborhoods.

According to data released by the Boston Public Health Commission, 5.8 percent, or 20 of the 348 individuals tested in Fenway between Aug. 23 and Aug. 29, were positive for the virus. This was a significant drop from the previous week of Aug. 16-22, when 56 Fenway residents were

tested for covid, with 9.3 percent, or 33 individuals, testing positive for the virus.

In the South End, 7.6 percent, or 40 of the 528 individuals tested were positive for the virus. This was up from the previous week of Aug. 16 and 22, when 7.1 percent, or 37 of the 533 individuals tested were positive for the virus.

In all, 619 residents of the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Downtown, the North End, and West End were tested for COVID-19 between Aug. 23 and Aug. 29,

with around 6.5 percent, or 40 individuals, testing positive for the virus. This was a slight uptick from the week of Aug. 16-22, when 6.3 percent, or 39 of the 614 individuals tested were positive for the virus.

Citywide, 7.1 percent, or 599 of the 8,438 individuals tested between Aug. 23 and 29, were positive for the virus. This was a reduction from the previous week of Aug. 16 to 22, when 7.8 percent, or 682 of the 8,750 individuals tested were positive for the virus.

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candidate for Secretary of State in the Sept. 6 primary.

In the race for State Auditor, Chris Dempsey was the top Democratic candidate citywide, earning more than 57 percent of the ballot, or 37,545 votes, while his challenger, Diana Dizoglio, received 42 percent of the ballot, or 27,893 votes cast citywide. This came in contrast to the results of the race statewide, with the victorious Dizoglio earning nearly 54 percent of the ballot statewide, according to Associated Press’s unofficial election results.

In the highly charged Democratic race for Suffolk County

district attorney, Kevin Hayden, who was appointed to the role by Gov. Charlie Baker after Rachel Rollins stepped down from the seat, earned 53 percent of the ballot, or 36,948 votes cast citywide. City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo trailed Hayden, with nearly 46 percent of the ballot, or 32,004 votes cast citywide.

In the Democratic race for sheriff of Suffolk County, incumbent Steven Tompkins received nearly 59 percent of the ballot, or 38,513 votes cast citywide, to best Sandy Zamor-Calixte, who received almost 41 percent of the ballot, or 26,940 votes cast citywide.

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and church. Love the people with whom you socially gather. Some people aren’t easy to love and some are impossible. Keep in mind that all things with God are possible. Keep your heart filled with God’s love. Love yourself. You can’t love others very well if you don’t love yourself. Forgive and take care of yourself. You’ll then have something you can give others, love and kindness. It’s sad to be around bitter people who have never resolved

life’s issues and embraced their own lives. Everyone has potential to excel and achieve. Too often people get bogged down with failures and are totally destroyed. Some failures are just events in your life in which you will learn about you and others. You can use failure to grow, reposition and redevelop your life.

You know what the political candidates are saying. You don’t have to spend hours watching political ads, unless you are

bored stiff.

Enjoy the season. Make this next one a great one.

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Applications open for 2022-2023 Boston Cultural Council grants

Staff Report

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, in collaboration with the Boston Cultural Council, announced applications are open for the 2022-2023 Boston Cultural Council grant program. Boston Cultural Council grants are available for organizations that benefit the public by offering arts programming in Boston's neighborhoods.

"We're proud to support Boston's arts and culture organizations in bringing joy and connection across our neighborhoods," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "These investments will directly empower cultural expression to build a

more inclusive and vibrant city."

"Every year through this program, we're able to award grants to a mix of arts organizations that have been bringing meaningful arts opportunities to residents for decades, new organizations that are applying for the first time, and everything in between," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture for the City of Boston. "We are dedicated to supporting a wide range of organizations in Boston's arts landscape, while focusing on the smaller organizations that are doing incredible equity work throughout the city."

The Boston Cultural Council (BCC) works under the umbrel-

la of the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture to annually distribute funds allocated by the City of Boston and the Mass Cultural Council for local arts and cultural programming. The BCC helps to ensure that the City's grant-making responds to the needs of the cultural community.

BCC members represent the city's districts and are appointed by the Mayor. Council members are selected on the basis of their demonstrated commitment to Boston's cultural community and their knowledge of various arts disciplines.

To better promote cultural equity in the Boston arts ecosystem, the BCC made a shift in its grant making strategy in 2019

that more intentionally supports small to mid-sized arts organizations in the Boston arts ecosystem. Beginning in 2021, the BCC further supported small organizations by committing the majority of grant funds to those with the smallest budgets. Through this grant program, organizations with annual budgets under \$2 million can apply for BCC grants of \$2,000, \$3,500, or \$5,000 depending on budget size.

The BCC focuses on small to mid-sized organizations that uniquely serve the City's arts ecosystem and prioritize cultural diversity, economic diversity, inclusion, and equity, through both their staffing and audiences served. Nonprofit cultural

organizations whose missions or programming are focused on music, film and video, traditional and folk art, visual art, theater, dance, humanities, literary arts, performing arts, social/civic practice, and multidisciplinary arts are eligible to apply as long as they are based in the City of Boston, or offer programming in Boston.

The deadline to apply for BCC grants is October 17, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. ET. There will be drop-in virtual office hours every Wednesday from 11 a.m. - noon through October 12 for organizations interested in learning more about the application process. More information can be found at boston.gov/arts-grants.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS HVAC Work at the BCYF Draper Pool

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The City of Boston (the City), acting by the Commissioner of the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, hereinafter referred to as the Official, invites sealed bids for the performance of the work generally described as: Boiler Replacement, Ventilation System Installation and Pool Filtration System Repairs at the BCYF Draper Pool located at 5279 Washington Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132, and particularly set forth in the Invitation for Bids.

The bid documents will be accessible online on Monday, September 5, 2022 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website at boston.gov/procurement/ and clicking on the supplier portal button to access event ID # EV00011291 for General Bids and event ID # EV00011292 for Sub-Bids.

A Mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022 from 11:30AM to 2:30PM Eastern Standard Time. Gather promptly at the main entrance of the Draper Pool 5279 Washington Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Additional site inspection requests will not be accommodated.

All sub bids shall be filed electronically before 4:00 PM (EST), on Friday, September 23, 2022.

All general bids shall be filed electronically before 4:00 PM (EST), on Friday, September 30, 2022.

Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner
(September 5, September 26, 2022)

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In Charlesgate Park, the Charlesgate Bouledrome and the Bridgeside Cypher/Cambridge Hip Hop will perform from 1-4pm.

The Bridgeside Cypher will be "almost like an open mic for folks to come and express in the hip hop tradition," Mergel said, "taking turns and encouraging each other."

She said that "what's beautiful" about Bridgeside Cypher/Cambridge Hip Hop is that "they are a very inclusive and welcoming group of practitioners and creatives who want to make sure that the beauty of hip hop is inclusive to all."

The cypher will be located under the bridge of the Bowker overpass, and will feature guest DJs, flow dancers, and a live band.

The Charlesgate Bouledrome will be offering free petanque play and lessons on the stone dust underneath the Bowker overpass.

Additionally, the Charlesgate Alliance and Emerald Necklace

Conservancy will be offering a free 75-90 minute tour of the Charlesgate site beginning at 2:00pm.

In the Back Bay Fens at the Shattuck Visitor Center, there will be public restrooms and air conditioning, as well as information and a picnic area. Between 1 and 4 pm, there will be trivia with prizes as well.

The Fenway Garden Society will be opening its brand new pollinator garden on the 24, and "we are very excited to have people attend the ribbon cutting for this new garden space," Mergel said.

Mergel said that the park sites were chosen to ensure ADA access to restrooms as well as access to water.

"We want to make sure people feel comfortable coming to the parks," she said. "We are bringing port-a-potties, food trucks, water trucks and things like that to the sites."

At the Franklin Park Shattuck Park Picnic Grove, between 4 and 6pm, the culminating activ-

ity of the day will take place. Folks who decorated their bikes, faces, or dog collars/leashes throughout the day will be invited to a parade around the picnic area, Mergel said.

A Trike Called Funk will have music and a portable dance floor, and DJ Ko'd will provide the music for the parade. There will also be lawn games and food trucks.

"Olmsted designed the parks so that they should be for everyone," Mergel said, but "not everyone feels like they have the access they should." She said that a goal of the Parkfest is to "bring more voices forward" and be inclusive.

Additionally, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy is looking for groups who want to "engage the built-in audiences with their missions" at Parkfest, and will offer free tables, chairs, and load in and load out support for groups. Sign-ups are happening right now and will end on Sept. 16.

For more information, visit emeraldnecklace.org

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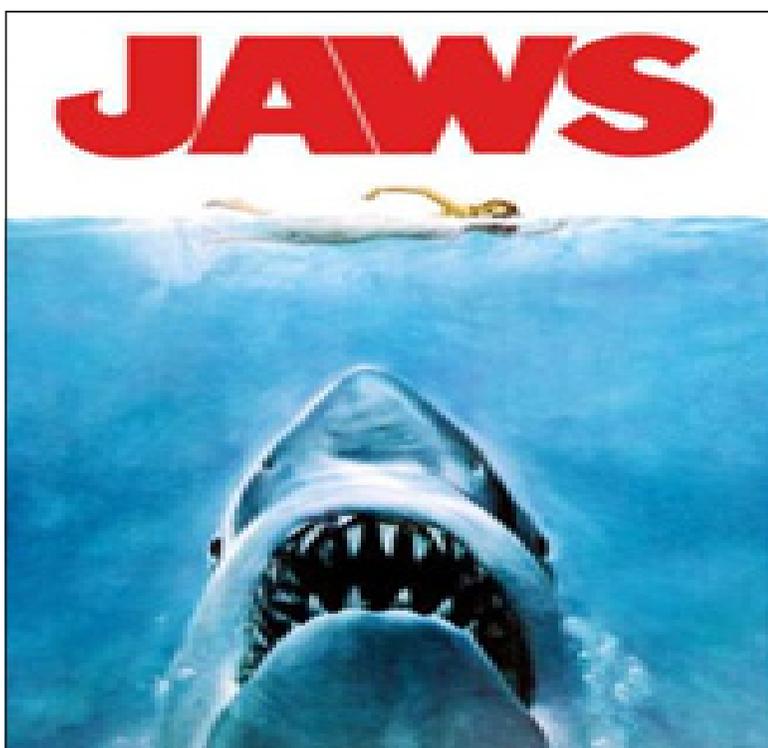
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New England Aquarium to show ocean inspired films

The New England Aquarium is screening ocean-inspired films for Cult Classic Movie Nights! Through, see cult classics as you've never seen them before, on one of the largest movie screens in New England at the Aquarium's Simons Theatre. Tickets for Cult Classic Movie Nights are \$5 each, and films begin at 7 p.m.

Pair a film with a visit to the Aquarium, grab a bite to eat and drinks at The Reef bar, and make a date night or an evening with friends to remember. With cocktails, snacks, lawn games, and a stunning backdrop along Boston Harbor, The Reef offers covered outdoor dining on Central Wharf, operating Monday through Sunday from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The film schedule is as fol-



lows:

September 10 – Jaws – The New England classic is back on the big screen. A massive great white shark terrorizes a summer resort town where a police chief, a grizzled fisherman, and an intrepid marine biologist battle the bloodthirsty beast.

October 1 – The Life

Aquatic with Steve Zissou – A famous oceanographer and his trusty crew seek revenge on the shark that ate his best friend in this quirky comedy-adventure.

The movies can be seen at the Simons Theatre at the New England Aquarium, 1 Central Wharf, Boston, MA.

BIKE LANES (from pg. 1)

Roslindale.

Wu said that the city has a goal of ensuring that 50 percent of all Boston residents are within “a three-minute walk to a safe, connected bike route within the next three years.”

Also in that time period, the city will add more than 100 Blue Bike stations, which will increase the current amount by 40 percent.

To mitigate speeding and increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists, the city will also be installing speed humps and raised crosswalks, “particularly around schools, parks, and libraries,” Wu said.

The city is also “committing to reach 600 women and gender diverse adults” with its free learn-to-bike workshops, as well as a “\$1.5 million rebate for older adults and people with disabilities to purchase e-bikes,” she said.

“We are committed to building a Boston for everyone,” Wu said.

Wu was joined by Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Spaces Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison, Shavel’le Olivier of the Mattapan Food & Fitness Coalition, as well as several bike activists and City Councilor Kenzie Bok, who made remarks.

Franklin-Hodge said that based on recent data, “at key streets,” 10 to 20 percent of vehi-

cles are bikes “during peak periods,” and that Blue Bikes have increased in popularity.

He said that August was the “highest ridership month in the history of the Blue Bikes system, which is “almost a quarter of the number of trips on the Orange Line.”

He said that bikes must be made “more accessible to more people” and that infrastructure needs to be safer as well. Additionally, he said “e-bikes are also starting to play a much bigger role in biking in Boston.”

District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok said she has been in favor of bike lanes around the Boston Common and the Boston Public Garden, which were implemented during the pandemic and now used by her mother to get to work.

“I think they’ve been tremen-

dous in a whole host of ways,” she said, adding that some people only feel safe using protected bike lanes, and that they also make pedestrian crossings shorter.

She said that a lot of people who may not bike today would consider doing so if there were more protected bike lanes.

The planning process that Wu announced will help to decide where more bike lanes are needed and how they will be implemented, and the 9.4 miles of new bike lanes to be installed by the end of next year will be done so on over a dozen streets.

“I believe that Boston can be the best city in America for biking and walking,” Franklin-Hodge said.

For more information and updates on this new initiative, visit boston.gov/bike-lanes.

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Michael Nichols to bid farewell to the Esplanade Association

By Dan Murphy

Perhaps the biggest surprise for Michael Nichols, the exiting executive director of the Esplanade Association, upon assuming that role five years ago, was just how many different stakeholders have an interest in the park.

“I was surprised at how many different ways people love the Esplanade. There are so many different constituencies – neighbors, runners, nannies, concert-goers,

bikers, art enthusiasts, horticulture enthusiasts,” said Nichols, “so it’s just awe-inspiring to see how many different ways people love the park.”

During Nichols’ tenure with the Esplanade Association, the nonprofit, which works in partnership with the state’s Department of Conservation and Recreation to care for and maintain the Esplanade, invested more than \$12.5 million in the park, while EA’s staff doubled in size

from eight to 16 over the course of the past five years.

“I’m proud of the impact we’ve had across the board in the last five years, from programming to horticulture to capital improvements to the responsiveness of our staff and outreach to the public,” said Nichols. “It’s just been a great five years, and I feel like the organization has taken a major step forward.”

Nichols credits the hard work of the staff and board, especially Alexi Conine, board chair, for helping the group make such major strides in this time. “I’m most proud of the staff and board we put together and how much more impactful our organization’s work has gotten,” he said.

Asked to identify the Esplanade Association’s most notable achievement during his time with the organization, Nichols immediately points to the Charlesbank Landing project – a planned two-acre riverfront park enhancement anchored by the new, year-round Esplanade Pavilion, which, he said, will “make a decades-long impact on the Esplanade.”

Said Nichols, “It took my entire tenure to refine and improve the project. We’re past the halfway mark on fundraising, and most importantly, we have just received the gubernatorial and legislative authorization to move the project forward.”

Besides the plan for Charlesbank Landing, Nichols said he’s also looking forward to watching the progress of two other major projects ushered in during his tenure with the Esplanade Association – the opening of the Gronk Playground, a complete renovation of the Charlesbank Playground made possible by a \$1.2 million gift from former New England Patriot Ron Gronkowski; and the planned expansion of Charlesgate Park, which aims to reclaim the “key link” that connects the Kenmore, Back Bay, and Fenway neighborhoods and unite the Charles River Esplanade, the Emerald Necklace and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall into a single-park system.

(The Charlesgate Park project is a partnership led by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy that besides the Esplanade Association, includes myriad other stakeholders, including the Charlesgate Alliance, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), and DCR, among



COURTESY OF MICHAEL NICHOLS
Michael Nichols, the exiting executive director of the Esplanade Association.

tions, like the ‘Hatched’ and the ‘Frozen in Life’ exhibits,” said Nichols.

“Patterned Behavior” by Silvia López Chavez, the first public art mural on the Esplanade commissioned by the Esplanade Association, was installed on the walls and pillars that support the Bowker Overpass in 2017, while last year, the Esplanade Association commemorated its 20th anniversary by debuting “Hatched: Breaking through the Silence” – an original 15-minute multi-media performance led by Boston-based creative Maria Finkelmeier of MF Dynamics that was specifically designed for the DCR Hatch Shell. “Frozen in Life,” by artist Anna Thurber, which was commissioned by the Esplanade Association, in partnership with DCR, was on display from March 18-20 of this year in Fiedler Park and highlighted three season of the Esplanade’s plant species through the lens of more than 40 of Thurber’s ice sculptures.

While Nichols is departing from the Esplanade Association in the coming weeks to become the new president of the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District, he remains proud of his time with the Esplanade Association.

“During the entire time I’ve lived in Boston (since 2008), it has been the closest park to my house,” he said. “I’ve always had an appreciation for the Esplanade and was really excited about having the opportunity to spend my energy making it better and really feel like I did.”



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Wu announces new Cabinet for Worker Empowerment

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the creation of the Cabinet for Worker Empowerment led by Trinh Nguyen who will serve as the City's Chief of Worker Empowerment. The Cabinet, equipped with oversight and resources, is charged with advancing the well-being of all working Bostonians in both the public and private sectors. The Mayor also announced that Jodi Sugerman-Brozan and Rashad Cope will both serve as the cabinet's Deputy Chiefs.

"Boston can do so much more to advance and empower workers across all of our neighborhoods," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Our economy is at a turning point, and as we work to recover from the impacts of the pandemic, we'll support one of Boston's greatest strengths: our workforce and people. When we make Boston a city for everyone, every family and business benefits from our growth. I am thrilled for Trinh, Jodi and Rashad's leadership, and look forward to collaborating with this new cabinet on policies and programs that drive this crucial

work forward for all Boston workers and their communities."

The Cabinet will advance the Mayor's work to enhance and strengthen Boston's workforce and economy by:

- **Bringing** together related roles and functions that were spread across several city departments and agencies under a single, unified cabinet

- **Setting** the City's future policy and vision for workers with an immediate focus on implementing Boston's Green New Deal

- **Regulating,** overseeing and improving workplace conditions and health for workers

- **Expanding** economic opportunity for workers through access to quality jobs, skills trainings and career pipelines

This newly formed cabinet, led by Chief Nguyen, will ensure better accountability and coordination, and closely align worker empowerment policy and programs with the administration's broader commitment of ensuring

Boston is a safe, healthy and climate resilient city for all. Led by Nguyen, the Cabinet for Worker Empowerment will play a major role in implementing Boston's Green New Deal for Boston Public Schools, which includes creating green jobs with livable wages, good benefits, and strong worker protections across the city.

"I am excited, honored and humbled by this great opportunity to serve the City and its residents," said Trinh Nguyen. "Boston has recently experienced tremendous economic growth and prosperity, however, the future promises even greater opportunities if we prioritize equal access to quality jobs and skills training for all Bostonians. We look forward to engaging with employers, workers and public and private stakeholders towards this collective vision."

Trinh Nguyen is the current Director of the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (OWD), an affiliated division of the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA).

As Director of OWD, she has launched such initiatives as the Tuition-Free Community College Program, the Greater Boston American Apprenticeships, and various career pathways for the healthcare, clean energy and construction sectors. Prior to her role at OWD, Nguyen was the Chief of Staff at the Boston Housing Authority.

Nguyen has nearly 25 years of experience in operations, programs, resource, and budget management. She has worked in executive management for various community non-profits and public sector agencies. She is currently Chair of the Neighborhood Jobs Trust, a Trustee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council, and a Trustee of Bunker Hill Community College. Nguyen holds dual graduate degrees and an MBA from MIT's Sloan School of Management and was a community fellow at MIT's Department of Urban Planning.

Deputy Chiefs Jodi Sugerman-Brozan and Rashad Cope will work with Chief Nguyen to execute the Cabinet's key priorities,

such as workplace safety and workforce career pipelines respectively.

Deputy Chief Sugerman-Brozan will focus on improving oversight of labor standards as well as strengthening and building a culture of workplace safety and health across the city. Recently, the City of Boston has continued to see a range of preventable workplace incidents and fatalities, particularly on construction sites across the City. The Cabinet will play a major role in understanding what is causing these incidents and developing and implementing prevention strategies.

"I am incredibly excited to join the new Cabinet for Worker Empowerment," said Jodi Sugerman-Brozan. "I want to thank Mayor Wu for this opportunity and for her commitment to workers rights and health and safety in Boston. Like the Mayor, I believe that all workers should be able to come home to their families alive and well, especially in the City that I call home. I can't wait to roll up my sleeves and get to work."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

BAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION'S 50TH BLOCK PARTY

Celebrate BVNA's 50th block party on Thursday, September 22, 2022, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm at the Josiah Quincy Upper School, Fayette Street parking lot. Join us for a lively and festive evening under the stars. Rain or shine! (Rain venue is the Revere Hotel). Note: Due to City Hall permitting restrictions, the BVNA is unable to hold the party on Melrose Street this year.

Dinner will be catered by Maggiano's with vegan and vegetarian options available. There will be a 50/50 raffle (cash only) with donations going to the Greater Boston Food Bank.

Additional raffle prizes include a one night's stay at the Revere and more! Donations will also be accepted for the Animal Rescue League (toys, treats, towels, blankets, linens, checks).

Tickets are Available Now!

Advance tickets, including discounted pricing, are available for BVNA Members.

Early Bird pricing through Thursday, September 15th is \$20 for Members. On Friday, September 16th, the Member ticket price will increase to \$25.00.

Tickets for guests and non-members are \$30.00 per adult. Discounted tickets for seniors (65+), students, and children 14 and older are \$15.

Children 13 and under are free!

In celebration of the BVNA's

50th Block Party, please consider donating an extra \$10 to help support this special anniversary.

As in years past, we want everyone to attend. So, if cost is a burden, simply email president@bayvillage.net. All requests will be handled confidentially.

Prefer not to pay on-line? Simply write a check payable to the BVNA, include a brief note, and put through the mail slot at 24 Melrose Street by September 19th.

FALL 2022 SCHOOL REOPENING INFORMATION SESSION

Boston Public Schools is hosting a community meeting to inform BPS families about the

start of school, BPS' COVID protocols, and other important information BPS would like you to know ahead of the beginning of school.

Date: Saturday, September 10, 10:00 AM

Public Link: <https://k12-bostonpublicschools.zoom.us/j/88639337818>

Webinar ID: 886 3933 7818

Dial-In #: 646-518-9805

Incoming Superintendent Mary Skipper, Boston School Committee Chairperson Jeri Robinson, and Acting Superintendent Drew Echelson will be at the meeting. Please join BPS for updates, ask questions in the chat, and help all our students prepare for a solid start to the new school year.

OPEN NEWBURY STREET

The City of Boston has relaunched Open Newbury Street for six consecutive Sundays of a car-free Newbury Street. The remaining dates are September 11, September 18, and September 25. Newbury will be car-free from 10am to 8pm on those dates, from Berkeley Street to Massachusetts Avenue. If you have any questions or concerns, email OpenNewbury@boston.gov.

ELLIS 2022 FALL THEATRE 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, and more info about signing up will be available in early September.

Sing Street

Presented by the Huntington Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 pm

Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont Street

Tickets: \$48

Heroes of the Fourth Turning Presented by SpeakEasy Stage Wednesday, October 5, 7:30 pm

Boston Center for the Arts,

527 Tremont Street

Tickets: \$35

The Play that Goes Wrong

Presented by Lyric Stage

Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 pm

Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon Street

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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, September 9, 2022, enjoy a House dance party on City Hall Plaza! DJ Bruno will be playing house music along with a dance performance by Phunk Phenomenon and the Floor Lords.

BOSTON TOGETHER AGAIN

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, continuing through mid-October, Boston Together Again will host a series of free wellness events, cultural nights, and movie nights on Copley Square, the Boston Common, and City Hall Plaza. View the schedule of events at boston-togetheragain.com.

CITY ACCEPTING ELIGIBILITY FORMS FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDING

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) 2023 grant funding is open. There is nearly \$39 million available to distribute to projects that build affordable housing, preserve historic sites or create open space and recreation. The deadline to submit an eligibility form is August 31. To apply for the FY23 Funding Round visit the How to Apply Page and complete a Rolling Eligibility Form.

The CPA Office will determine if a project meets the eligibility criteria of the CPA statute. If your project is eligible, applicants are invited to submit an application for consideration to our nine-member Community Preservation Committee. Learn more at boston.gov.

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Adoption Decisions

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

Dogs and cats can steal our hearts so easily. You see an adorable photo of a kitten on Petfinder, and you're ready to apply for that animal. You meet a perfectly trained and groomed member of a specific breed and decide to begin searching for a dog just like that.

We all have these moments of a heartfelt link with an animal. Sometimes these situations result in excellent lifelong relationships. Sometimes they result in the tough decision to rehome the animal.

Decisions Decisions

One of the best ways to make a rational, personal decision about what animal to adopt is to answer a series of questions before you begin your search for a pet. Do you want a large dog or a small dog? Are you longing for a playful kitten, or would you prefer to adopt an older cat that has lived in a home successfully?

Are you mentally and financially prepared to care for a special needs animal? That may seem like an odd question, but we have friends who have intentionally adopted senior animals, dogs with health problems, or who need serious training because of behavioral issues. We knew about our Westie Poppy's fear issues when we adopted her. However, we also knew we had the resources, lifestyle, and expert support to help her.

If you've had a previous relationship with a companion animal, think about the best and worst of that experience and decide what you would like changed this time. If this will be your first furry companion, you have a lot of research to do.

Expert Advice

One of our favorite experts, Karen B. London Ph.D., recently published an article "Big dogs, Small dogs" in The Bark magazine. She reminded her readers of the obvious difference in expenses for big dogs, from food to larger beds. And that small dogs are more welcome when traveling or renting a home.

She cited a study to make us aware of the surprising difference in behavior and relation-



Seeing the sad eyes of an older dog in a shelter can make you instantly want to rescue her. (Photo by Margarita Kosior)

ships based on size. "Small dogs were reported to be less obedient, slightly more often aggressive or excitable, and more anxious and fearful. People with small dogs also reported a lower level of consistency in their interactions and enforcement of rules than did those with larger pups."

Decision Makers

Bringing a new animal into a home has to be a decision made with consideration to all family members. That includes other animals. If your current cat has a history of getting along well with litter box companions or at least tolerating them, all may go well.

If your partner says, "I really don't want another dog and don't want any part in caring for it," you'll have to think carefully about how that will work. If you have young children, you should consider how a dog will interact

with them.

Finally, Grief Adoptions

When you lose a furry family member, you may yearn to move quickly to fill that hole in your life. Most of us realize that each animal is a unique creature, and a new one won't replace the one we lost.

However, when another being depends on us for every aspect of their well-being and happiness, much of our life revolves around that care. We also miss the happiness a dog or cat adds to our life. Our advice is to take a deep breath, step back, and make the set of careful decisions you need to find the right animal for you at this point in your life.

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

Bay Village Historical District Commission to hold public hearing on Sept. 13

Special to the Times

The Bay Village Historic District Commission will hold a virtual public hearing:

DATE: 9/13/2022

TIME: 4:00 PM

Please note. This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in the meeting by going to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87672212252> or calling 301-715-8592 and enter meeting id 876 7221 2252 #. You can also submit written comments or questions to bayvillageac@boston.gov

I. DESIGN REVIEW

23.0075 BV 18 Shawmut Street (Continued from 8-9-2022):

Applicant: Alison Kispert
Proposed Work: At front facade install sign on existing bracket.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL:

In order to expedite the review process, the commission has delegated the approval of certain work items, such as those involving ordinary maintenance and repair, restoration or replacement, or which otherwise have a minimal impact on a building's appearance, to commission staff pending ratification at its monthly public hearing. Having been identified as meeting these eligibility criteria and all applicable guidelines, the following applications will be approved at this hearing:

- Applicants whose projects are listed under this heading **NEED NOT APPEAR** at the hearing. Following the hearing, you will be issued a Determination Sheet to present at the

Inspectional Services Department (1010 Massachusetts Avenue) as proof of project approval when applying for permits. ISD personnel will send an electronic copy of your building-permit application to the commission staff for review. (To avoid potential confusion, the text of your building-permit application should be consistent with the project description given below.) Commission staff will accordingly authorize the execution of the work, attaching any applicable provisos, reflecting the relevant guidelines and precedents.

• Please note that following issuance of the determination sheet no further correspondence will be issued for the applications listed below. The electronic building-permit application as annotated by commission staff will constitute your Certificate of Appropriateness; this will be valid for one year from the date of the hearing. The applicant is required to notify the commission of any project changes; failure to do so may affect the status of the approval.

If you have any questions not addressed by the above information, please contact staff at 617.635.3850 or BayVillageAC@boston.gov. Thank you.

23.0146 BV 22 Church Street: Replace three fifth-story one-over-one non-historic wood windows in-kind.

23.0187 BV 6 Edgerly Place: Repaint and repaint wood trim at first-story.

23.0188 BV 19 Fayette Street: Repaint and repaint wood trim at first-story.

III. REVIEW OF REVISED REGULATORY STANDARDS

IV. RATIFICATION OF 8/9/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

V. STAFF UPDATES

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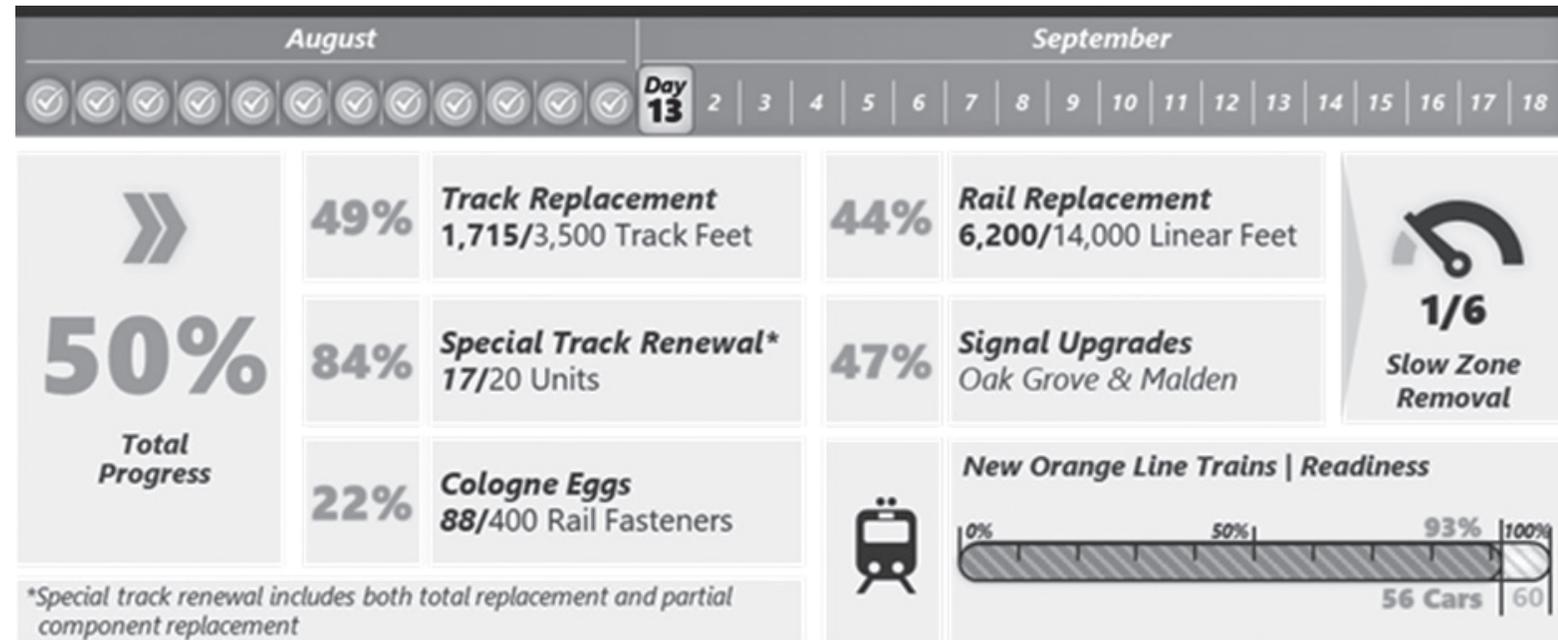
Last Friday, the MBTA announced that 50 percent of the work taking place along the Orange Line during the 30-day closure is complete. Additionally, the scheduled work is on schedule overall.

Overall, work teams have completed:

- 44% of rail replacement;
- 49% of track renewal / tie replacement;
- 84% of special track work, like track work at crossovers; and
- 22% of cologne eggs and rail fastener work.

Earlier in the project, crews completed rail replacement between Downtown Crossing and State Street stations over an unencumbered two-day period, which was about 900 feet of track. This track replacement was one of the six slow zones that the MBTA was aiming to address during the Orange Line shutdown. To put this into context, when MBTA crews work during overnight hours when the subway is closed, they are able to replace about 39 feet of track a night after materials are staged and the third rail power is cut. The rest of the slow zones are also in the process of being completed.

As of this week, an additional four of the MBTA's projects have been completed: crossover improvements at Ruggles station, rail welding at Forest Hills station, canopy work at Sullivan Square station, and security enhancements at North Station. Crossover work at Jackson Square will also be finishing today. Tie replacement also con-



tinues between the Dana Bridge and Community College station. Work teams near Wellington station began de-stressing rail and continued electrical connections at special track work locations. At the Tufts Curve, crews are continuing to replace cologne eggs, which are fasteners that allow crews to directly affix rail to the concrete pads utilized on certain parts of the Orange Line. The signal upgrades at Oak Grove and Malden stations have also reached 47% completion.

As progress is made on track and signal upgrades, work teams are also leveraging the Orange Line shutdown to complete opportunity projects. Over this past week:

- Crews have continued to complete punch list items at Sullivan Square.
- Testing of the new security enhancements at North Station is now complete.

• The replacement standpipe for fire protection at Tufts station is being painted and is near completion.

Additionally, 56 new Orange Line cars are now available for service. This means that, when service re-starts on September 19, Orange Line riders' commutes will be on predominantly new cars. The MBTA is actively working to get a full complement of new Orange Line cars ready for the restart of service.

The Orange Line closure continues 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. Thirty days of 24-hour access will replace more than five years of Orange Line delays and weekend diversions.

More Information about the Work:

The major revitalization and safety work to take place on the Orange Line during this 30-day shutdown will deliver a number of projects, including track replacement, upgraded signal systems, and more, over five years faster than originally planned. The MBTA will also accomplish required track maintenance associated with Federal Transit Association (FTA) directives as quickly as possible.

This shutdown will maximize the amount of work able to be accomplished and will progress a number of projects and maintenance along the entire Orange Line, which will improve service, safety, and reliability for riders, including:

-The replacement of over 3,500 feet of 38-year-old Orange Line track and tie replacement work that will allow for the removal of speed restrictions,

improving travel time for Orange Line riders.

- The replacement of two crossovers that facilitate the movement of Orange Line trains, allowing for improved reliability and future capacity improvements;

-Track repair, tie replacement, concrete work, and more along the Southwest Corridor of the Orange Line, which will improve reliability; and

- The installation of upgraded signals and associated systems at Oak Grove and Malden stations, allowing for improved safety and reliability.

The Orange Line provides approximately 101,000 trips each day with ridership approximately 49% of what it was prior to the pandemic.

Mass Ave Coalition to celebrate jazz and history at the Fall Festival in Chester Square Park

On Sunday, Sept. 18 from 1-4pm, the Mass Ave. Coalition will be celebrating jazz and history in Chester Square Park with a Fall Festival.

Residents, businesses, and institutions along Mass Ave. will celebrate who we are with:

- Live jazz on both sides of Chester Park,
- Carriageway closed to

make a fun space for kids, w/ games & crafts

- Free raffle with prizes from local businesses,
- Toy boats and duckies in the fountains,
- South End Historical Society open house,
- Juan Perez' paintings from our 'hood,
- Crosstown Jazz history exhibit

• Elected officials and candidates invited to meet and greet

- Pizza, popcorn, ice cream, and
- MUCH more!

Festival activities will also explore who we can be, playing with:

- Mass Ave data visualizations by NU Prof Michelle Borkin and her students,

• concepts like the 15-minute City, Restorative Cities, a Chester Park Connector

- strategies like Complete Streets, Zero Waste and Tree Equity

Working together as the Mass Ave Coalition, the neighborhood groups from Huntington Ave to Boston Medical Center intend to make Mass Ave more of a

connector and less of a divider. Our growing coalition includes St. Botolph NA, Claremont NA, Chester Square Neighbors and Worcester Sq NA. Many thanks to Boston Medical Center and Northeastern University for their generous support.

For more Information, contact Carol Blair at carol@jfcwfb.com or 617-875-7242.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
128 Beacon K RT	Whelan Jr, Robert M	128 Beacon St #K	\$6,100,000
Patricia F Ribakoff T	Peck, Anya E	180 Beacon St #3C	\$729,000
Chung, Candace Y	Zbitskii, Pavel	241 Beacon St #1	\$770,000
Levy, Gareth	S M Richardson 2021 T	90 Commonwealth Ave #19	\$2,150,000
Sawlit, Lisa J	Alice L Rose RET	326 Dartmouth St #4	\$495,000
Downey, James R	Huerth, Carolyn	86 Marlborough St #2	\$1,750,000

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BEACON HILL			
Hodgson, Samuel	Ilana Leighton LLC	94 Beacon St #2	\$2,900,000
Singh, Ashish K	Schatz Rentals Goodwin	3 Goodwin Pl #3	\$515,000
Clemson, John	Eshelman, Cathryn	100 Lovejoy Wharf #3K	\$1,162,500
145 Pinckney St Prop LLC	Mahoney, Mary E	145 Pinckney St #628	\$760,000
Luo, Stacey	Farese, Robert	10 W Cedar St	\$5,700,000

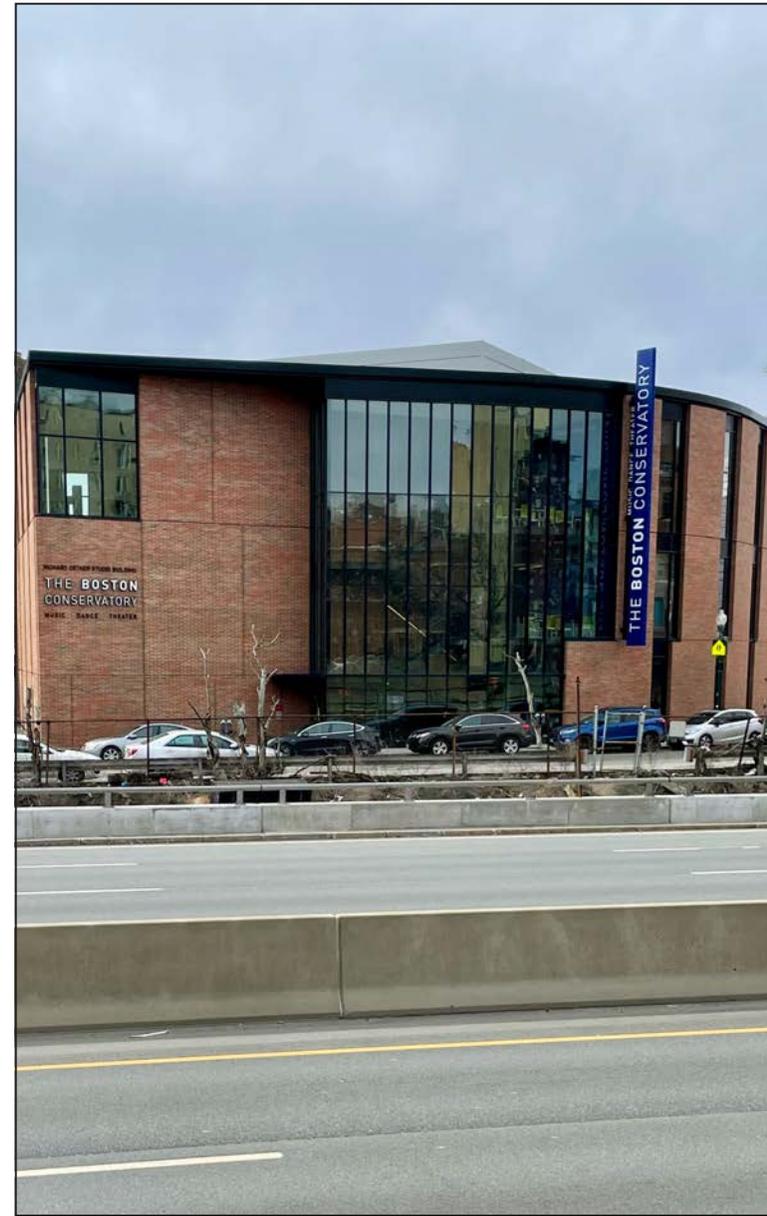
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BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Pimental, Matthew	Foy, Robert J	19 Appleton St	\$1,980,000
Mcgrath 4th, David J	Thomas&Ann Rolfs LT	135 Appleton St #1	\$1,410,000
Bui, Cat N	12 Braddock Park 3 NT	12 Braddock Park #3	\$1,900,000
Wong, Ming B	Cphoon, James D	1 Charles St S #1510	\$1,540,000
Kimberly A Adkin RET	132 Arlington LLC	13 Edgerly Pl #13	\$2,895,000
Lin, Christopher A	Blier, Christopher	26 Lawrence St	\$3,000,000
Rolander, John G	Apruzzese, Dana	16 Melrose St #1	\$919,000
Dyson, Robert	Anderson, Natalia C	82 Montgomery St #2	\$880,000
Eahg Boston LLC	ABV Back Bay Land Holdco	350 Stuart St	
\$116,650,000			
LPB Albany LLC	Spiritual Assembly Bosto	595 Albany St	\$1,850,000
Woo, Shing C	Scully, Abigail H	534 Beacon St #706	\$885,000
Kuhn, Mathew J	Hui, Hongliang	188 Brookline Ave #26C	\$1,420,000
Roberts, Joshua D	Toomey, Mark	32 Eldridge Rd #3	\$637,500
Zhao, Yanling	Lyu, Yingying	66 Queensberry St #320	\$430,000
Seamon, Cassidy J	Lamm, Linda	464 Shawmut Ave #2	\$650,000
Oreilly, Anna R	Harrison, Rosemary S	574-580 Tremont St #1	\$680,000
Anderson, Natalia	Hooks, Matthew L	21 Upton St #2	\$2,510,000
Knight, Jennifer F	Cronan, Jessie P	75 Waltham St #4	\$845,000
Steenburg, Charles T	Marotto, Robert P	92 Waltham St #1A	\$2,295,000

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Elston, George O	BMA Properties LLC	2 Avery St #24H	\$1,700,000
David M Levenfield RET	Battery 2310 LLC	2 Battery Wharf #2310	\$3,915,000
CCC River LLC	HP Properties LLC	12 Central St	\$4,000,000
Daniel T	Gottlieb, Linda K	65 E India Row #15F	\$980,000
Daniel T	Gottlieb, Linda	65 E India Row #15F	\$580,000
Krishnan, Rahul T	Lee, Todd G	85 E India Row #32H	\$700,000
Reardon, Lindsey	Lynch, Wyeth	100 Fulton St #3P	\$1,005,000
Radian Partners Prop	Hudson FC Group LLC	120 Kingston St	\$97,500,000
Radian Partners Prop	Hudson Grp North Amer	120 Kingston St	\$29,347,500
Radian Partners Prop	Ori Ron 2012 IRT	120 Kingston St	\$2,827,500
137 Pearl Street LLC	137-139 Pearl Street RT	137-139 Pearl St #M1	\$1,175,000

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The corner window in the last clue is on 132 Ipswich Street, Boston Conservatory's Richard Ortner Studio Building. In 2014 WBUR described this facility, "There are 17 practice rooms in the Conservatory's new building, and a 3,200-square-foot acoustically pristine performance hall."

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

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE

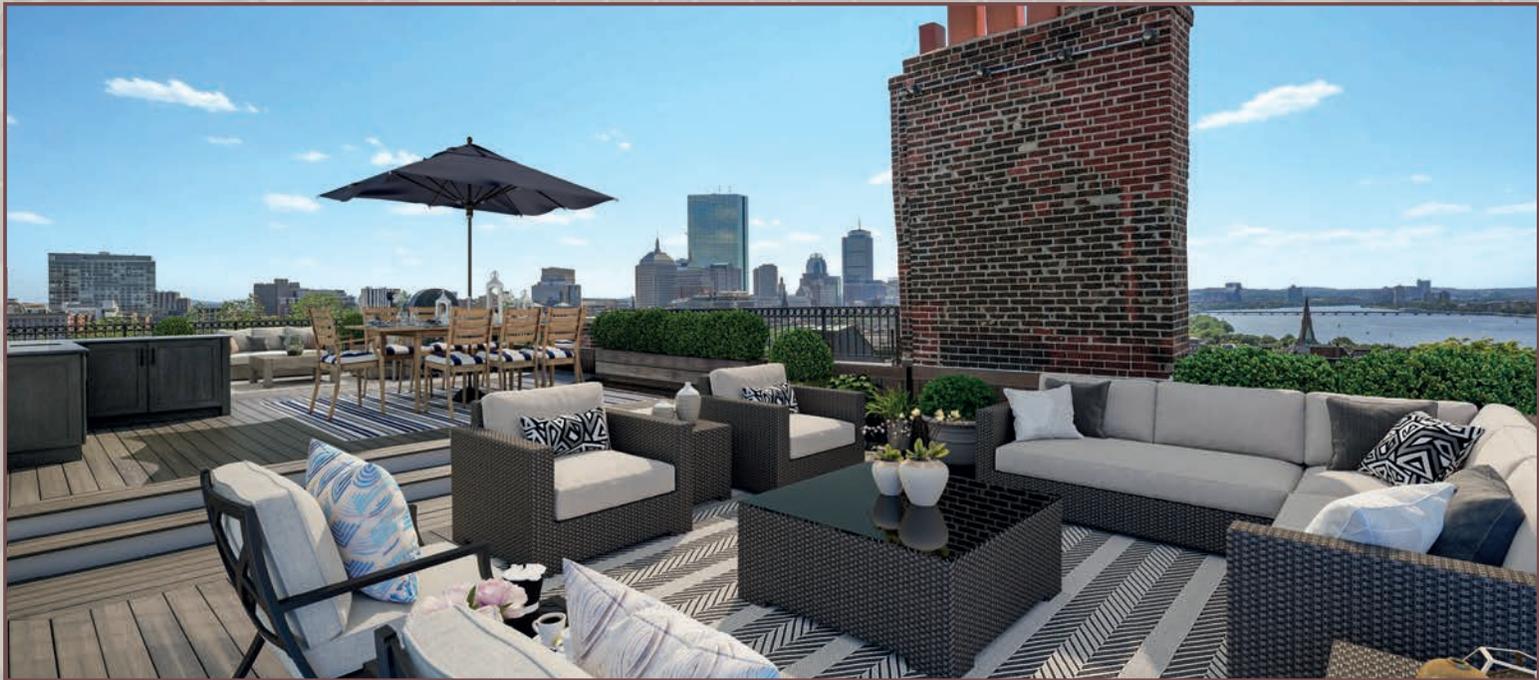


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