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Historic \$30 Million Matching Donation to Support Boston's Cathedral High School Scholars

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Special to the Sun

Boston's Cathedral High School (CHS), is proud to announce the Adopt-A-Student Foundation (AASF) is the recipient of an incredibly generous and historically monumental matching gift of \$30 million made in support of Cathedral's transformational and enduring mission. The extraordinary \$30 million gift has been made by a

CHS alumnus and longtime supporter who believes in providing the same life-changing quality Catholic education that he was given many years ago. The match announcement was shared along with the launch of a \$60 million fundraising campaign entitled the Cathedral Now, Cathedral Forever campaign on October 27, 2022, at the annual AASF Gala at the Seaport Hotel in Boston.

The \$60 million goal is inclusive of the \$30 million match. This remarkable commitment of a \$30 million donation reinforces the steadfast connection that donors have with CHS. This support will directly impact future CHS scholars who may otherwise not have access to a high quality and faith-based education that lies beyond many families'

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Citywide forum focuses on homelessness

By Dan Murphy

A citywide forum focusing on the issue of homelessness in Boston, including efforts to help get more of the city's unsheltered population off the streets through new affordable- and supportive-housing opportunities, took place Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library.

The forum, which was also held virtually, was moderated by Shirley Leung, columnist and associate editor for The Boston

Globe, while panelists included Sheila Dillon, chief of housing and director of the Mayor's Office of Housing; Matthew Pyne, director of housing programs for the Pine Street Inn; Frank, a Pine Street Inn job training participant, and a Boston resident with life experience; Joyce Tapon, senior director of policy and programs for the MA Housing and Shelter Alliance; Chanda Smart, CEO of OnyxGroup Development, LLC, and a member of the Street Outreach Unit for the Boston Police Department;

and Gianna Gifford, chief of adult services for the BPL

Boston currently has 290,000 units of housing, with 56,000 or 19 percent, designated as deed-restricted, or affordable, according to Dillon. "I'm not here to tell you that's enough, but it's the highest percentage compared to any other major city in the United States," she said.

The "vast majority" of the city's rentals are reserved for seniors and other special popu-

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City ponders future of zoning in the Fenway

By Dan Murphy

The Boston Planning & Development Agency sponsored a Fenway Community Advisory Committee meeting virtually on Tuesday Oct. 25, to discuss the future of zoning in the neighborhood.

The meeting, which was

co-sponsored by the office of City Councilor Kenzie Bok, was the second in a two-part series that also included an Oct. 25 meeting to discuss the start of the Fenway-Kenmore Transportation Action Plan, which is being developed in tandem with new

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New fence being installed at Berkeley Community Garden

By Dan Murphy

The Berkeley Community Garden in the South End is getting a safety upgrade with the installation of a new 6-foot-high fence along the Dwight Street alley.

The Community Garden,

located on East Berkeley Street between Tremont Street and Shawmut Avenue, is home to 159 garden plots kept by 144 different gardeners. The garden is divided into three adjacent Rows - Rows A, B, and C - each

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Kourtney Bichotte Dunner, a Northeastern University student who volunteered at last weekend's fall cleanup of Berkeley Community Garden.

EDITORIAL

AN IMPORTANT ELECTION WITH BIG BALLOT QUESTIONS

This Tuesday, November 8, is state election day in Massachusetts. With two-term incumbent Governor Charlie Baker having chosen not to seek re-election, voters will be choosing a new governor for the first time in eight years.

The contest between Democrat Maura Healey and Republican Geoff Diehl represents the starkest contrast between two candidates for the governorship in our state in almost 100 years.

Healey and Diehl espouse polar-opposite views on almost every topic, most notably regarding former President Donald Trump (Diehl is an unabashed supporter, Healey is not).

It is not an overstatement to say that the future direction of our state is dependent on Tuesday's outcome, and for that reason alone, everyone should get out to vote.

There also are four ballot questions for voters to consider. The two that have garnered the most attention are Question 1 and Question 4.

Question 1 would impose an additional four percent state tax on the income of residents that exceeds \$1 million. Net income up to \$1 million would still be taxed at the five percent rate, with only the amount exceeding \$1 million taxed at the higher rate.

It should be noted that the state legislature cannot enact a graduated income tax. The Mass. Constitution does not allow the legislature to do so, and thus voters essentially will be determining whether to amend our state constitution to permit a higher tax rate on high-income individuals.

The question is being supported by the citizens group Mass. Fair Share and is being opposed primarily by a number of ultra-wealthy individuals who have contributed millions of dollars to the Vote No campaign.

Question 4 on the state ballot essentially does this: It allows any resident of Massachusetts, regardless of immigration status, to obtain a Mass. driver's license, provided they meet all of the usual requirements of obtaining a license. In addition, the new law specifically states that such persons will not be eligible to become registered voters and will not be able to obtain a REAL ID driver's license.

The Mass. legislature already has approved a law to do this. That law is set to go into effect on July 1, 2023. However, those who oppose the law gathered enough signatures to place the question on the ballot. A "Yes" vote on Question 4 will allow the law to go into effect on July 1, 2023.

We would note that a wide array of various groups, including police chiefs, district attorneys, and other law enforcement agencies, strongly support a "Yes" vote on Question 4. In addition, similar laws have been enacted in many other states.

As a final reminder to our readers, early voting is now underway in every city and town hall across the state. However, early voting ends this Friday -- there is no early voting this weekend -- so if you do not vote before Friday at your local city or town hall, you will have to go to the polls on Tuesday.

With so much at stake, we urge all of our readers to get out and vote.

#55 BUS ROUTE COALITION LETTER RESPONDING TO REVISED BNRD PROPOSAL

We are writing to inform you of the MBTA's release of final changes to the Bus Network Redesign (BNRD), including the Route 55 bus. We are pleased to report good news as well as the ongoing challenges and opportunities ahead! We are excited to continue to push for improvements on the #55 so it can properly serve the Fenway community alongside the collaborative power of the #55 Bus Coalition.

Good news:

Thanks to overwhelming advocacy from Fenway residents and the committed support of our elected representatives, the #55 bus route will continue to Copley Square, with hours that run from 6 AM to 7 PM daily, at a frequency of 50 minutes. For a look at the proposed changes to the #55, visit: tinyurl.com/TBS-55bus1. For more information on the MBTA's BNRD announcement, visit: www.mbta.com/projects/bus-network-redesign/update/revise-bus-network-map. This announcement represents a significant victory for the Fenway community. As previously proposed, the 55 bus would have traveled from the LMA/Fenway to Kendall Sq. in Cambridge, denying f West Fenway residents of direct, no-transfer access to Copley Square and Downtown Boston. We would not have been

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able to secure this change without the ongoing work of Fenway residents, stakeholders, and representatives. Much thanks and gratitude to Mayor Wu, Councilor Bok, Kennedy Avery, Representatives Livingstone, Representative Ryan and Santiago, and Senator Brownsberger for advocating for the needs of the community. We would love to extend special recognition to the MGM Music Hall community engagement process which led to a study on the #55 bus by Fink Consulting (<https://tinyurl.com/TBS-fink55busstudy>), providing data and action items the MBTA can make. This study helped our efforts to advocate for continued enhanced service to the #55.

Ongoing challenges:

While we have kept our bus and secured an increase of service in the mornings and evenings, the #55 remains on a limited schedule with evening termination of service at 7 PM. The #55 Service Route will continue to terminate service at Copley Square instead of its prior termination at Park Street while the frequency of service will decrease from every 40 minutes to every 50 minutes. Lastly, because the route remains with no extension (to the Longwood Medical Area, for example) its ability to secure increased ridership for long-term stability remains in question.

The Coalition acknowledges that low ridership has historically been the justification for the MBTA's refusal to restore service to the #55 bus route. However,

we believe that the MBTA is not doing enough to advocate for an increase in ridership through messaging and engagement with the Fenway community. The Coalition also desires increased transparency surrounding the implementation of the proposed changes as low ridership can be due to inaccessible service hours. As a result, the Coalition requests a more immediate expansion of the #55's service hours.

Opportunities ahead:

The MBTA will be hosting a virtual public meeting on November 2nd to discuss their changes to the BNRD and to collect public input. We encourage all residents to attend to thank the MBTA and your elected representatives for listening to the community. We also encourage you to voice your thoughts on the new #55 schedule, route, and frequency of service, and to continue to advocate for the #55 bus to extend service in a manner that builds sustainable ridership across the Fenway and the surrounding community.

Please keep an eye out for an invitation to a community celebration so that we can come together to recognize all the hard work of residents and stakeholders. Finally, we invite those of you who are interested to join the #55 Coalition with its work moving forward. If you are passionate about the #55 and wish to help our efforts, please contact LeoRuiz Sanchez at lruizsanchez@fenwaycdc.org.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

REP. LIVINGSTONE'S UPCOMING OFFICE HOURS

Rep. Jay Livingstone will hold office hours on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 9-10 a.m. at Newsfeed Cafe inside the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library at 700 Boylston St.

"I am looking forward to being in the community with you to update you on the work I've been doing throughout the district and in the State House, and to hear your feedback, ideas, and suggestions on both local neighborhood issues and statewide

policy priorities," wrote Rep. Livingstone.

Email Cassidy.Trabilcy@mahouse.gov with any questions or concerns.

WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE FUNDRAISER SET FOR NOV. 17

The Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay is teaming with the Women's Lunch Place (WLP), a women's day shelter on Newbury Street, to present their second Harvest Festival on Thursday, Nov. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Women's Lunch Place

at 67 Newbury St.

This year's joint benefit will feature music, a silent auction, a cocktail reception, and dinner, with proceeds going to support NABB's civic work on homelessness, affordable housing, safety, and other civic issues, as well as WLP's services for homeless and at-risk women.

Individual tickets are \$125, and sponsorships begin at \$2,000.

Visit <https://womenslunchplace.org/nabb> for more details, including sponsorships, suggested auction items to donate, and to purchase tickets.

FENWAY ZONING (from pg. 1)

zoning regulations for the Fenway.

Kristina Ricco, a senior planner for the BPDA, described zoning in the Fenway as "regulatory lasagna" comprising "layers" of zoning, including the base zoning for the neighborhood, which was adopted in 2004; Gateway Development Overlay Districts, which allow for increased FAR (Floor Area Ratio) and building height for projects deemed beneficial to the whole district; Planned Development Area (PDA) restrictions, which establishes special zoning controls for large and complex projects; and city ordinances, which won't change due to the proposed zoning reform in the neighborhood.

There are currently 13 large-scale development projects in the West Fenway and another six projects that are approved but have yet to break ground, which all together amount to nearly 7 million square feet of development, said Ricco.

Other projects that are proposed and under review, including 1400 Boylston St., Fenway Corners, 2 Charlesgate West, and Longwood Place, would bring this total to more than 10 million square feet of development, added Ricco. (While Longwood Place is actually located outside the confines of the Fenway, Ricco said she included the project as it would greatly impact the neighborhood.)

All four of these proposed projects would require "some changes to zoning as currently proposed," said Ricco, such as

the 1400 Boylston St., which would require a zoning change since its PDA eligibility has lapsed; and 2 Charlesgate West and Longwood Place – both of which would be seeking PDAs.

As for the next steps for this process, Ricco said the city plans to sponsor a public meeting in December to discuss zoning reform and the Fenway-Kenmore Transportation Action Plan, as well as another meeting the following month that would examine use and height, along with PDA eligibility scenarios. The BPDA and the Boston Zoning Commission (BZC) are then expected to adopt relevant changes to Fenway zoning in the spring of 2023, added Ricco.

Fenway CAC member Rich Giordano said he was "a little bit stunned" by the ambitious timeframe the city has set for reforming zoning in the Fenway.

Giordano also pointed to the need for different types of housing in the Fenway, as well as for daycare and job training in the neighborhood.

Fenway CAC member Tim Horn pointed to what he described as a "failure in zoning" in the Fenway, particularly in allowing developers to site affordable housing for project in the neighborhood off-site.

"We need that middle class housing, and that's what's making people move out of the neighborhood because it's not there in the zoning," said Horn.

Fenway CAC member Kelly Brilliant said she wishes that project review would take into

consideration the "aesthetics" of a project, in addition to height and FAR,

Councilor Bok said the current approach to zoning reform in the Fenway came in part through her efforts after she was unable to get the BPDA to fund PLAN: Fenway – a neighborhood planning initiative led by BPDA in the spirit of its PLAN: East Boston.

"We've heard consistently from the neighborhood that a more planning-based approach is needed for development [in the Fenway]," said Councilor Bok.

CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL (from pg. 1)

financial reach. The anonymous donor noted that the values CHS has always instilled in students has helped to guide career choices, successes, and philanthropic leadership throughout their lives, inspiring a desire and sense of responsibility to help others.

Dan Carmody, CHS President, said, "This unprecedented generosity will transform the lives of decades of Cathedral students to come. The fact that it comes from a Cathedral alumnus, quietly and humbly, only illustrates the incredible, life-changing impact of our mission. Providing access to a strong, rigorous Catholic education, and to a loving, supportive community has never been more important. For families who would otherwise not have the opportunity, the impact of this matching gift is a true game-changer and allows us to continue our mission. I could never express enough gratitude for what this means for our Cathedral scholars, families and entire school community."

Carmody continued, "Cathedral's future is incredibly bright, fueled by this \$30 million match, and our 'Cathedral Now, Cathedral Forever' campaign that seeks to endow the school for the next century. Our future

goals include prioritizing educational access to low-income families, recruiting and retaining top educators, delivering on dynamic programming, and maintaining a prestigious campus in the South End."

If you are interested in learning more about the campaign, please contact Paula Prifti Weaver, Director, Cathedral Now, Cathedral Forever campaign at 617.542.2325 x104 or pweaver@cathedralhighschool.net, or visit www.cathedralhighschool.net/CHSForever.

Campaign co-chair and Cathedral Board of Trustee member, John Drew, said, "The dedication of Cathedral students is made clear by how they have excelled, with 100 percent graduating and being accepted to college for nearly 20 consecutive years. Beyond college, our students have become leaders in their communities, professions, and cultures around the world. Because of our generous supporters, finances do not have to be a barrier to a quality education and Cathedral graduates continue to change the world."

To date, Cathedral has raised \$15 million towards the goal of \$30 million in order to activate the full \$30 million match.



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Virtual Public Meeting

Parcel 13 Public Meeting

Monday, November 14
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3FdbVG0

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Meeting ID: 161 870 4523

Project Proponent:

The Peebles Corporation

Project Description:

The proposed project consists of 424,400 square feet of development, including a 125-unit, 100% affordable apartment tower and an approximately 300,000 sf, 12-story, lab/office building. The project will make accessibility and compliance upgrades to the MBTA's Hynes subway station, and will not have any on-site parking.

La información de esta reunión es fundamental para usted como residente de Boston parte interesada. Dispone de servicios de idiomas de forma gratuita. Si los requiere, comuníquese con (sarah.black@boston.gov) antes de la siguiente fecha 11/09/2022.

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Close of Comment Period:

11/30/2022

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

Back Bay Architectural Commission to meet next Wednesday

Staff Report

The commission will hold its next public hearing virtually on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

This hearing will be held virtually and not in person.

To participate, please go to our Zoom meeting link or call 301-715-8592 and enter meeting ID 951 5384 7859#. You can also email comments through email at backbayac@boston.gov

Public testimony begins at 4:30pm

Discussion Topics

1. Violations Committee
- 4:30pm 362 Marlborough Street: Unapproved rooftop

HVAC equipment.

171 Newbury Street: Unapproved rooftop HVAC equipment.

2. Design Review - 5:00pm
23.0368 BB 120-126 Newbury Street: Master plan for retail signage.

23.0355 BB 149 Newbury Street: Master plan for retail signage.

23.0330 BB 362 Commonwealth Avenue: At roof replace existing roof deck.

23.0367 BB 226 Marlborough Street: At roof replace existing head house & adjacent skylight, relocated mechanical equipment and replace existing roof deck.

3. Administrative Review/Approval
23.0379 BB 19 Arlington Street: At side elevation replace galvanized downspout in-kind.

23.0285 BB 316 Beacon Street: At rear garage roof replace black rubber membrane roof in-kind.

23.0318 BB 346 Beacon Street: At roof replace black rubber membrane roof in-kind.

23.0317 BB 535 Boylston Street: At front façade installation of dining patio and furnishings.

23.0293 BB 607 Boylston Street: At front façade and side elevation replace three wall signs

23.0364 BB 811 Boylston Street: At front façade replace wall and window signage.

23.0365 BB 855 Boylston Street: At front façade replace signage at entrance canopy.

23.0335 BB 230 Clarendon Street: At rear elevation repair exist fire escape.

23.0337 BB 44 Commonwealth Avenue: At rear elevation replace existing fire escape.

23.0359 BB 44 Commonwealth Avenue: At front façade repair roof at portico.

23.0342 BB 150 Commonwealth Avenue: Repair masonry, windows, doors roof and gutters.

23.0322 BB 277 Dartmouth Street: At front façade replace deteriorated sections of wood soffit in-kind.

23.0356 BB 35 Newbury Street: At front façade replace

wall sign.

23.0294 BB 154 Newbury Street: At front façade replace wall sign and window signage.

23.0360 BB & 23.0356 BB 216 Newbury Street: At front façade replace blade sign and security camera.

23.0325 BB 254 Newbury Street: At front façade replace blade sign.

4. Ratification of 10-12-2022 Public Hearing Minutes

5. Staff Updates

6. Projected Adjournment - 6:30pm

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lations, added Dillon, while Boston now has around 800 units in the pipeline that will serve the homeless population.

The city has set a citywide benchmark of 19 percent for affordable housing, said Dillon, although currently there is great

disparity between neighborhoods in this regard, with affordable housing accounting for around 50 percent of the housing stock in Roxbury and Chinatown, but only 6 percent on Beacon Hill and in the Back Bay.

Some new affordable hous-

ing units could go to the city's homeless population, which stands at 1,240 individuals living in shelters and 119 unsheltered individuals, as well as 929 families. The number of unsheltered homeless in Boston is the lowest of any major U.S. city, but as Dillon pointed out, this survey was taken in February – a time of the year when fewer people are typically living on the street due to inclement weather.

Mayor Michelle Wu has pledged \$200 million in federal funds that Boston received from the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) to increase the supply of affordable housing in the city, said Dillon.

Boston also recently completed an audit of city-owned land, with an eye towards building more affordable housing there, added Dillon, and has begun the community process in regard to the first set of parcels.

Other initiatives that aim to increase Boston's affordable-housing stock include the Acquisition Opportunity Program (AOP) by which the city acquires residential buildings to remove them from the "specula-

tive market," said Dillon, as well as state legislation proposing a Transfer Fee, which would put a 2-percent surcharge on all transactions over \$2 million towards affordable housing in the city.

"We're working as hard as we can to build as much affordable housing with resources we have," said Dillon.

Moreover, Dillon said Mayor Wu is hoping to bring rent stabilization, which was voted out in 1993, back to Boston.

Permanent Supportive Housing is one type of affordable housing that targets vulnerable populations, including individuals experiencing long-term homelessness or a debilitating condition, while offering them supportive services, said Tavon.

"It works, and it's actually less costly than homelessness," said Tavon, who added that 85 percent of participants in these programs remained housed after one year while 78 percent remained housed after 15 years.

Additionally, the estimated reduction in annual healthcare costs is \$5,267 per person for Permanent Supportive Housing participants, said Tavon.

Frank, a 61-year-old Dorchester native who, despite working two jobs, found himself homeless on the streets of Boston in his 50s, was also hand at the forum to discuss the positive steps he has taken since arriving last New Year's Eve at the Pine Street Inn.

Through the Pine Street Inn, Frank has been placed in housing in Brighton and has lined up a couple of job interviews in the food industry after completing the shelter's iCater job-training program.

In much the same way the Pine Street Inn serves Boston's homeless population at night, the Copley Branch of the BPL serves as sort of a de facto day shelter for many vulnerable Bostonians, according to Gifford.

"Our spaces are sort of the equivalent to a day shelter for people who are homeless or in other kind of crises in their lives," she said.

Within the last two years, the Copley Branch of the BPL has created a Community Learning Team, which Gifford oversees and includes a new Health and Human Services Specialist, who, said Gifford, can help individuals with tasks ranging from finding a shelter; signing up for state SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits or a low-cost cellphone; enrolling in MassHealth; or even finding a new pair of shoes. The team also plans to soon hire a Mobile Outreach Coordinator who would visit Boston Housing Authority locations and senior residences to teach tech literacy, said Gifford.

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of which comprises around 50 plots.

Row A, which abuts the Dwight Street Alley, is home to 48 plots, has been temporarily vacated to make way for the installation of the new fence that will run alongside it. Northeastern University students joined the Row A gardeners to help complete this task as part of the fall cleanup of the Community



Helen Ng and Elizabeth Anderson taking a break from this past weekend's fall cleanup of Berkeley Community Garden. Dunkin' (Donuts) supplied coffee and tea while Flour Bakery provided pastries for the event.

Garden, which took place over the weekend of October. (The Berkeley Community Garden holds two cleanup events each year - the spring cleanup typically taking place in March; and the end-of-year cleaning, which typically occurs in late October or early November.)

Installation of the new fence then got underway on Nov. 1, and is expected to take around 10 weeks to complete, weather permitting, said Sarah Hutt, a member of the Berkeley Community Garden Leadership Committee and a gardener, now in Row C, at the Community Garden for about the past 20 years.

The Trustees of the Reservation, the nonprofit stewards of around 100 locations throughout the Commonwealth, including Berkeley Community Garden, helped defray the approximately \$250,000 cost of the fence via mitigation money the group received for two major South End developments projects - The Quinn, a luxury condo building that now occupies the former Quinzani Bakery site on Harrison Avenue; and an 11-story life



Andrea Wolley, an A Row gardener, and Sarah Hutt, a member of the Berkeley Community Garden Leadership Committee and a Row C gardener.



Two longtime gardeners at Berkeley Community Garden, Poe Huot and Su Mei Chin, catching up during the fall cleanup at Berkeley Community Garden.

science building planned for 80 East Berkeley St., said Hutt, who has been a resident of Washington Street since 1984.

The remaining cost of the project was underwritten via the annual dues paid by gardeners. The annual fee for gardeners is \$65, and each gardener is also required to perform 12 hours of community work.

The old fence along the Dwight Street alley was an approximately 3-foot chain-link fence set in

the ground while another fence runs beside East Berkley Street.

Every spring, trespassers have broken into the Community Garden by the climbing over the old fence abutting the Dwight Street alley. They have repeatedly ripped apart the irrigation system and often camped out in the Community Garden overnight, said Hutt.

"The new fence is important because a lot of neighbors have been saying the area needed to be cleaned up, and it will make

the garden secure," she said. "I hope that the fence will contribute to the neighborhood - if we're secure, then they're secure. Once we have the fence, we can be secure at night."

Likewise, Andrea Wolley, a Tremont Street resident and a gardener in the A Row for the past four years, said of the new fence: "It's long overdue and will make for a better aesthetic. It's kind of a fresh start for people in the A Row."

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HALLOWEEN AROUND BOSTON

Halloween around Beacon Hill is a time when the community shows off its creativity in costumes and home decor as young monsters and heroes roam the streets looking for trick or treats and having fun with friends and family.



The Unicorn family enjoyed the evening.



The grim reaper and Scream costumes haunted the area.



Dinosaurs were popular this year.

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Krysti, Jett, and Sam Frey at Hill House.



This house on Myrtle Street is ready to give Trick Or Treaters an Alice In Wonderland experience.



Bobby Sr, Bobby Jr, Abby, Jack, and Kristi Mahoney make for an "Incredible" family.



Lynne Fine watches as Pamela and Olivia Lynch approach a house with spooky decorations on West Cedar Street.



Namrita Kapur(center) with daughters Divya and Priya DeWinter at Hill House.



Doug Kellogg could be wearing a costume, or living his dream of fishing.



Myrtle Street Playground offered much in Halloween fun with a star appearance by a famous mouse couple.



Halloween decorations in Louisburg Square get passersby attention.



Jeffrey, Abigail, and Amy Miller picked costumes that celebrated underwater life.



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EMERALD NECKLACE CONSERVANCY, SKANSA JOIN FORCES TO CLEAN UP THE PARKS

Skanska, a leading development and construction company, joined forces with the Emerald Necklace Conservancy to remove trash and help with fall landscaping and beautification efforts for the 1,100 acres of connected parks, open spaces, and waterways on Thursday, Oct. 20.

As an organization with a longstanding commitment to sustainability, local leaders from Skanska USA Commercial Development's Boston team enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside the Conservancy and learn more about efforts to enhance neighborhood connectivity and preserve Boston's urban green space networks. Skanska has partnered with Simmons University to support "One Simmons," the three-phased strategic campus modernization project for the community, neighborhood, and stakeholders.

Members from Skanska USA Commercial Development Boston Team pick up leaves and debris to protect the Emerald Necklace's parkways ahead of the Winter season.



COURTESY OF THE CASTLE

Members from Skanska USA Commercial Development Boston Team pick up leaves and debris to protect the Emerald Necklace's parkways ahead of the Winter season.



Members of Skanska USA Commercial Development's Boston team, left to right, are: Marcy Rosenberg, Anita De Ruvo, Kyle McDevitt, Cassie Silva, Brian Granetz, Russell Demartino, Kyle Greaves, Kara Chiccarelli, and Carolyn Desmond.

Ellis Early Learning celebrates 'Power of Childcare' at annual benefit, honors 'Sheroes' of EC education, Krissy Davis and Jeri Robinson

Special to the Sun

Ellis Early Learning raised \$450,000 for its mission and honored two "Sheroes of Early Childhood Education," Krissy Davis and Jeri Robinson, at its annual benefit event held Oct. 27 at the Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology in the South End.

Davis, a former Ellis director, is a Deloitte vice chair and leader of Deloitte's U.S. investment management industry practice. She served on the Ellis board for more than eight years and has a deep commitment to the community and a passion for the accessibility of high-quality early childhood education.

Robinson is the chairperson of the Boston School Committee and served as the vice president of early childhood initiatives at the Boston Children's Museum. She has more than 40 years of experience in teaching and consulting in early childhood education.

"We were so pleased to recognize Krissy, a longtime leader and champion of Ellis, along with Jeri, who is a key partner as we strive to enhance the accessibility of early childhood education for working families in our community," said Lauren Cook, CEO of Ellis Early Learning. "The funds raised in their honor are vitally needed as we contend with a highly constrained workforce and demand for care that outstrips the supply of available teachers."

More than 200 parents, teachers and donors enjoyed the evening to honor the Ellis Sheroes. Despite persistent financial chal-

enges faced by Ellis and the early childhood education sector, the benefit was an opportunity to celebrate with cocktails and dinner, music, and fun.

The event co-chairs were Ellis Board of Directors Chair Coleen Downs Dinneen, retired executive vice president at Natixis, and board member Jim Geraghty, managing director and private wealth advisor at Morgan Stanley.

Ellis is grateful for generous support from local corporations and organizations, including Amazon, The Baupost Group, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Deloitte, Eastern Bank, Kirkland & Ellis, Moderna Foundation, Natixis, State Street, The TJX Companies, United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley and the Wellington Foundation.



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Krissy Davis (center), a Deloitte vice chair, holds her Shero Award presented by Coleen Downs Dinneen (left), chair of Ellis Early Learning's Board of Directors, and Ellis CEO Lauren Cook during the nonprofit's annual benefit event on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022.

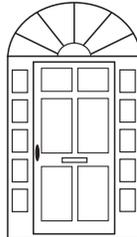


Boston School Committee Chair Jeri Robinson, center, holds her Shero Award presented by Kristin McSwain (left), senior advisor and director of Mayor Michelle Wu's Office of Early Childcare, and Ellis Early Learning CEO Lauren Cook during the nonprofit's annual benefit event on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022.

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WOMEN'S LUNCH PLACE HOLDS SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

The Spaghetti Dinner was an opportunity for Greater Boston to step up and ensure that Women's Lunch Place can continue being the critical support system that vulnerable women need. Women's Lunch Place is thrilled to announce that its ambitious fundraising goal was met, thanks to the many generous sponsors and donors who purchased tickets, tables, and auction items.

Women's Lunch Place will still be able to meet their guests' needs as inflation, food insecur-

ity, housing, and mental health crises continue to drive demand for services. Last year, Women's Lunch Place served a record 111,009 healthy meals and housed or prevented the eviction of 238 women.

A short film directed by Steve Liss of Boston Filmworks premiered at the event. It gives viewers a new insight into the lives of Women's Lunch Place guests and the unique environment of their non-judgmental shelter and advocacy center.



Jennifer Hanlon Wigon, Joyce Vyriotes (Executive Director, Cummings Foundation, Honoree), and Janine Danielson (Board Member).



Gina Kizzie, Rachel Klein, Rayn Bumstead, Stacey Zellen, and Teefee Pereira (all staff of Women's Lunch Place).



Janine Danielson is shown with staff of LGA, LLP Business Advisors.



Lynne and Gary Smith.



Bryan Cuddy, Andy Youniss, Andy Horelick, Cheryl Cuddy, and Janet Horelick.



Dean Goodermote, Jim Manzi, Kay Calvert (Board Member), Hasan Jafri, and Aliya Husain.



Heather Gamache, Kimberly Bielan, Michel Wigney, Jessica Powell, Ryan Severance, and Vivien Li.

Boston woman held on \$5,000 bail for attempting to burn people in Downtown on Oct. 27

Special to the Sun

A Boston woman was arraigned Friday on charges that she attempted to light people on fire outside the Downtown Crossing Roche Bros. store, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Syretta Copeland, 42, of Boston is charged with three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, one charge of resisting arrest, and one charge of possessing an incendiary device/chemical/bio/nuclear weapon. Judge Mark H. Summerville ordered Copeland held on \$5,000 bail

and to have no contact with/stay away from victims, witnesses, and the location. Copeland will return to court on November 17 for a probable cause hearing.

Assistant District Attorney Lindsey Glines said that on Thursday, October 27 at around 4:41 pm, Boston police responded to the Downtown Crossing Roche Bros. store for reports of a female trying to use a lighter and Lysol to set people on fire. When officers arrived, staff members pointed to a nearby female in a flowered top. The suspect, later identified as Copeland, fled from officers into the MBTA Down-

town Crossing station and was arrested after a brief struggle. Officers learned that Copeland had exited the bathroom of the store with the lighter and Lysol and attempted to set others on fire. One victim reported feeling the spray on her skin prior to the defendant attempting to light the spray.

"This woman is lucky she didn't cause serious injuries to her victims or to herself by engaging in such dangerous behavior. I'm thankful that the staff members in the store were alert and provided information that led to this arrest," Hayden said.

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Bay Village Historical District Commission to meet on November 8

Staff Report

The Bay Village Historic District Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on November 8, 2022 at 4 p.m.

This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in the meeting by going to <https://zoom.us/j/98195201277> or calling 301-715-8592 and enter meeting id 981 9520 1277 #. You can also submit written comments or questions to bayvillageac@boston.gov.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

I. 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 com-

mission 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 infor-

mation, please contact staff at 617.635.1935 or BayVillage-AC@boston.gov. Thank you.

23.0362 BV 17 Melrose Street: At front façade replace two six-over-six dormer windows in-kind, replace shingles at sidewalls of dormers, replace deteriorated wood trim in-kind

and repair masonry.

II. REVIEW OF REVISED REGULATORY STANDARDS

III. RATIFICATION OF 10/11/2022 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

IV. STAFF UPDATES

V. PROJECTED ADJOURNMENT: 4:30 PM

ScrubaDub, Community Servings Partner on 30th 'Pie in the Sky'

Staff Report

Community Servings, a non-profit provider of medically tailored meals and nutrition services, and a leader in "food is medicine" research, advocacy and policy, is teaming up with ScrubaDub Auto Wash Centers once again for the 30th annual Pie in the Sky Thanksgiving fundraiser that helps feed chronically and critically ill neighbors throughout Massachusetts.

ScrubaDub, New England's leading car wash company, will give away a complimentary Express Wash and more to those who make a \$30 "Pie for a Community Servings Client" donation at www.pieinthesky.org. Each donation supports a week's worth of nutritious meals for food and nutrition-insecure neighbors living with illnesses such as HIV/AIDS, cancer, heart

disease, diabetes, and more.

"As a family-run business deeply rooted in the community, we understand the importance of giving back. That's why we passionately support Community Servings' mission to provide medically tailored, nutritious, scratch-made meals to chronically and critically ill individuals and their families," said Mathew Paisner, ScrubaDub's Director of Business Development. "We're proud of our longstanding partnership and excited to do our part to make the 30th anniversary of Pie in the Sky the biggest and best year yet."

This year online donors also have a chance at winning one year of unlimited free car washes. In addition, motorists visiting any of ScrubaDub's 20 New England tunnel locations may donate \$5 to Community Servings to receive free Simoniz UltraShine

protection (\$10 value) with each car wash. All online donations that qualify for the free Express Wash coupons are sent by email and are valid after Thanksgiving.

Over the past eight years, the Paisner family-owned car wash company has contributed over \$200,000 to Community Servings and donated over \$300,000 of in-kind car wash services to customers who help them support the cause.

"We are grateful for ScrubaDub's dedication to our mission and their continued support for the communities that both of our organizations serve," said David B. Waters, CEO of Community Servings.

The 30th annual Pie in the Sky campaign continues until Nov 19, just days before Thanksgiving. For more information, visit www.pieinthesky.org.

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Newman School's Billy Brogan leads Outward Bound Green Ambassador program invasive species initiative

Billy Brogan, a student at the Newman School in Boston's Back Bay who is involved with Thompson Island Outward Bound's Green Ambassador program, welcomed city education officials and volunteers to Thompson Island to participate in their invasive vegetation removal initiative and joined other Green Ambassadors to present their work on potential solutions to climate change. The event was part of the After School Alliance's 'Lights on After School' campaign which highlights the opportunities afforded by out-of-school learning.

Located in the Boston Harbor, Thompson Island Outward

Bound partners with Boston Public Schools to provide programming for middle and high school students that combines academic learning with Outward Bound style challenges. With a focus on building confidence, leadership skills, and social and emotional development, these programs come at no cost to schools or families and have proven invaluable as students return to in-person learning.

The Green Ambassadors program offers Boston students paid summer employment in the green job sector throughout their high school careers. Participants learn personal and professional skills that include environmen-

tal stewardship, climate change responsiveness, natural resource and facilities management, as well as technical outdoor skills such as climbing, camping, and kayaking.

"Our programs give students an opportunity to get out of the classroom and learn through creative and engaging activities that are both fun and educational," said Arthur Pearson, President and CEO of Thompson Island Outward Bound and Ambassador for the Afterschool Alliance. "Thousands of Boston's young people come to our shores every year where they immerse themselves in nature,

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER

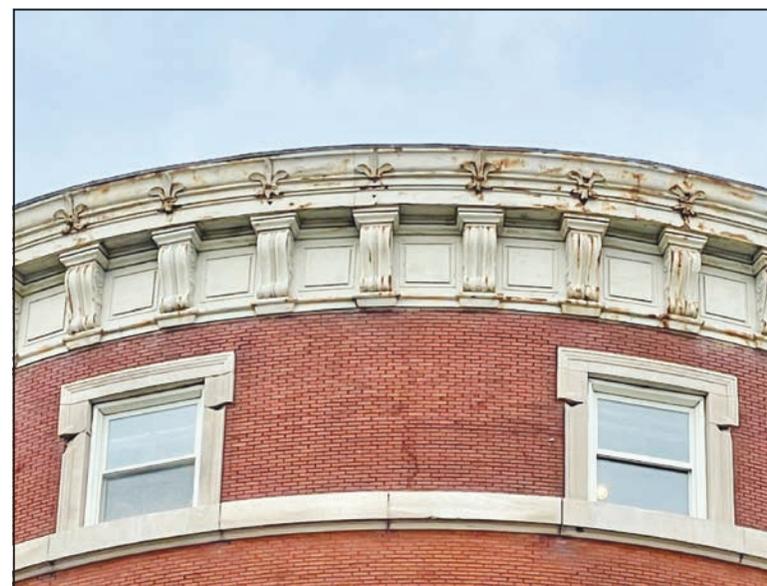


The fence finial in the last clue is in front of 68 Marlborough Street built in 1870 and designed by architect Charles K. Kirby. The website www.backbayhouses.org, details the importance of this address as both a school and as a residence for leading female physicians.

The next clue will be found in the Fenway.

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



BILLY BROGAN (from pg. 10)

engage in hands on science activities, and discover new skills and confidence. As we battle the twin pandemics of COVID-19 and systemic racism, it is more important than ever that we keep the lights on after school for our children and our communities.”



From left to right: Bill Brogan, student at the Newman School and Thompson Island Outward Bound Green Ambassador, with Arthur Pearson, President and CEO of Thompson Island Outward Bound. Students from the Thompson Island Outward Bound Green Ambassador's program led the invasive species removal initiative on Thompson Island in the Boston Harbor as part of the After School Alliance's 'Lights on After School' project.

The Green Ambassadors led volunteers from Thompson Island Outward Bound's ISLE Society of young professionals and other stakeholders to reach their goal of removing 1500 cubic feet of invasive vegetation this year, qualifying them to receive \$75,000 of funding from the National Park Service. As invasive species do not have any natural predators, they grow quickly and strangle the island's native species such as flowers and fruits, affecting the whole ecosystem and negatively impacting the environment.

Following the invasive species initiative, the students delivered a presentation about various projects they are working on that could help the environment. This included an aquaponics system they have set up on the island and the work they are doing on clam seeding, both of which are promising prospects in the fight against climate change.

“The work of the Green Ambassadors is vital to the health of the island ecosystem,” said Pearson. “These students have bright futures ahead of them and we are proud to be a part of their journey.”

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