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Looking back at '22

By Dan Murphy

2022 has been an eventful year in Boston.

A flurry of new development underway in the Fenway was accentuated with the opening of the MGM Music Hall at Fenway – a 5,000-seat indoor music venue that sits directly adjacent to Fenway Park. The Boston Planning & Development Agency also began in earnest the public process to establish new planning guidelines for the neighborhood, which now has several major projects in the pipeline, with a virtual meeting held earlier this month.

Elsewhere, the South End Landmark District Commission approved the proposed redevelopment of Hotel Alexandra into condos on Tuesday, Dec. 6. The BPDA board also green-lit the proposed redevelopment of the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (BFIT) campus in the South End into a mixed-use project, which would include



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City Council President and District 2 Councilor Ed Flynn.

a senior-care facility, as well as condos, at its Dec. 15 monthly meeting.

As for events in the city, the Mass Ave Coalition Festival held Sept. 18 in Chester Square Park was undoubtedly a highlight of '22. The festival was graced by favorable weather and brought neighbors together to enjoy food, activities, and exhibits in the park at what will hopefully become an annual tradition.

Open Newbury Street also made a welcome return for six consecutive Sundays beginning in late August. For these events, the city again transformed the stretch of Newbury Street between Arlington Street and Massachusetts Avenue into a pedestrian-only walkway for what has become a popular and eagerly anticipated annual tradition in the Back Bay.

In June, the city also pondered the future of the Back Bay with Copley Connect – a 10-day pilot program which shut down a section of Dartmouth Street between Boylston Street and St. James Avenue to motor-vehicle traffic to temporarily provide expanded pedestrian space at Copley Square Park for new activities, including a Celtics “watch party” on June 11.

• On Jan. 3, District 2 Councilor Ed Flynn was unanimously voted in as the new council president for a two-year term by his fellow councilors during the City Council’s first meeting of the

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The 2022 graduating class of Immigrants Lead Boston.

Wu celebrates 2022 graduating class of Immigrants Lead Boston

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu celebrates the 20 immigrant leaders graduating from Immigrants Lead Boston, a program by the City of Boston Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement. This year’s graduates represent eight Boston neighborhoods, come from 17 countries, and speak 14 languages. The graduation was at Boston City Hall on Friday, December 16.

“As the daughter of immigrants, this program has a special place in my heart,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “These leaders are adding their voices to our communities and I’m thrilled for their leadership. Congratulations and thank you!”

Immigrants Lead Boston is an annual program for Boston immigrants who wish to become community leaders, advocates, and organizers. Selected residents go through a 12-week course and meet key City of Boston officials and learn how to effectively navigate local government. Graduates join a growing alumni network of immigrant leaders.

“Boston has been the only home I’ve known since I first arrived in the USA,” said one of this year’s graduates, Karina Flores Ramirez. “In my neighborhood of East Boston, I envision a community that helps each other and works together to tackle the current obstacles we are facing. I envision a community full of resources for all ages and in all languages, and one where we are assured that we are not alone.”

This year’s class met with City officials from eight cabinets along with City Council members and local nonprofits that do advocacy work here in Boston. Participants also proactively reached out to City leaders, participated in community meetings for the first time, and testified at a City Council hearing about how to support newly-arrived migrants in Boston. “We started this program because immigrants are integral to our communities, but they often don’t know what resources are available to them because they didn’t grow up here,” said Monique Tú Nguyen, Director of the Mayor’s Office

for Immigrant Advancement. “This program helps close that gap so immigrant leaders have a seat at the table to build a better Boston for all.”

During this year’s graduation ceremony, participants shared their reflections from the program and asked the Mayor questions. This year’s ceremony also marked International Migrants Day and celebrated how Mayor Raymond Flynn pioneered the Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement 35 years ago in 1987 as the Immigrant Rights Unit.

“During a tough stance on immigration at the federal level, Mayor Flynn created the Immigrants Rights Unit to provide a more compassionate and humane approach towards those in search of a better life,” said City Councilor Ed Flynn. “I’d like to congratulate the Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement for continuing this important work and ensuring our immigrant neighbors can fully and equitably participate in all aspects of life.”

The Independent Newspaper Group office will be **closed** on **Monday, Jan. 2** in observance of the New Year’s Day holiday. Deadlines for next week’s issue will be **Friday, Dec. 27 at noon**

EDITORIAL

ENJOY A HAPPY -- AND SAFE --

NEW YEAR'S EVE

The end of one year and the start of another provides all of us with an opportunity for reflection. We are a year older -- but have we become any wiser?

Alfred Lord Tennyson's "Ring Out Wild Bells," which was published in 1850, offers timeless advice about the lessons we hopefully have learned from the past that we can use to guide our future. We quote some of the best-known lines from that poem here:

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
 Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
 The year is going, let him go;
 Ring out the false, ring in the true....
 Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
 Ring in redress to all mankind.
 Ring out a slowly dying cause,
 And ancient forms of party strife;
 Ring in the nobler modes of life...
 Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
 The faithless coldness of the times;
 Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes,
 But ring the fuller minstrel in....
 Ring in the love of truth and right,
 Ring in the common love of good.
 Ring out old shapes of foul disease...
 Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
 Ring out the thousand wars of old,
 Ring in the thousand years of peace.

As always, we urge all of our readers to ensure that they celebrate the New Year safely and take care that their friends and loved ones do so as well. No one ever died by having a friend take their keys away if they have had too much to drink.

We wish all of our readers a Happy and Healthy 2023.

GUEST OP-ED

2023 – Love yourself so you can love others

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

You can lose about one pound a week if you try. If you don't try you won't lose any.

If you need to save some money then you need to pay yourself first. If you have a paycheck coming in then set a goal for \$500 a month if possible. Whatever the amount is will grow if you are faithful each week and month of setting money aside. You can always find a place to spend money. Even if you don't need it, you have it just in case you might.

What do you want to accomplish in 2023? If you do not have a goal of some kind, you will accomplish nothing. Maybe your goal is to just enjoy each day. Enjoy your food. Enjoy your family and friends. Make the best of each ay. These are good goals.

Be good to yourself in 2023. Love others as you love yourself. If you don't love yourself, it's almost impossible to love others. Recently we have heard of people committing suicide. They had given up on themselves but wanted to hurt or kill others before they killed themselves. It's tragic when an individual's so hates themselves that they wanted to

hurt others. If they loved themselves more then they wouldn't have had so much venom and hate for others.

One of the tools of the devil is to bring your life down to where you hate all the things you've done. He brings it up to you often so you can feel horrible about your life's mistakes. People often have trouble forgiving themselves so they begin to binge drink, take drugs and hurt themselves to try to deal with their life's pain. God has forgiveness and hope for all. People don't always forgive but God forgives. As God forgives you then you must work on forgiving yourself, loving yourself and forgiving and loving others. You see, that's a great formula. God forgives us, loves us and we are to forgive and love ourselves and then offer this same forgiveness and love to others.

In 2023 you might do something different. Maybe you want to embark on an adventure, change careers or just do better with all you have been handed. Often, all we need to do is focus on what we already have to do ad do it a little better.

My prayer for our nation in the year ahead is that we might

see politicians work together to accomplish worthy goals that will benefit our country. I hope Ukraine can overcome Russia but other countries need to step up to the plate. America cannot fight everyone's war physically or financially. We must get control of our border. Our nation is being overtaken by millions of undocumented immigrants. Who are these people? Do they all really have noble intentions in America? We must bring back our jobs from China in 2023.

Throughout this year may you a continuation of what we talk about and pray for during the Christmas season. May it be ongoing every day and may we share it with all along the way, Peace on earth and good will to all people. May you first experience it in your life so you can extend it to others.

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Sumner Tunnel open this holiday weekend

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the Sumner Tunnel will be open during the weekend of Friday, December 30, to accommodate the expected high volume of holiday vehicular traffic. Scheduled weekend closures as part of Phase 1 of the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project will resume during the weekend of Friday, January 6.

Phase 1 of the Sumner Tunnel

Restoration Project work requires scheduled weekend closures of the Sumner Tunnel for 36 weekends between June 2022 and May 2023, (excluding holiday weekends.)

To sign up for project updates, email alerts, and the latest information on the Sumner Tunnel project so that you can stay up to date as the project unfolds: Sign up for project updates.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are also encouraged to:

- Dial 511 and select a route

to hear real-time conditions.

- Visit www.mass511.com, a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

- Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

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Mayor Wu announces First Night public safety preparations

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu joined City leadership to share the City's preparations for First Night, Boston's annual New Year's Eve celebration. The City is a partner of the New Year's Eve event, which is formally run by Boston Celebrations, Inc. and managed by Conventures, Inc. All parties are taking steps to ensure public safety as Boston rings in the New Year. This is the first year since the COVID-19 pandemic that First Night is returning to its regular, full programming.

"We all deserve to enjoy these celebrations and want to preserve the sense of First Night truly being welcoming to everyone from every generation," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The majority of this year's activities and performances will take place outside so please be sure to check the weather, layer up and dress accordingly. I hope everyone has a wonderful new year and can't wait to see you all at the parade and all of the festivities this weekend."

First Night will feature more than 15 hours of free programming across two days in Copley Square and the Back Bay. The event has returned indoor programming to its agenda from last year, when it was held entirely outdoors. Indoor programming is available at area churches, the Boston Public Library, and Copley Place Mall. The main stage in Copley Square will have a new location for 2023, now situated in front of Boston Public Library, with Dartmouth Street closed to traffic.

The Boston Police Department will be present at First Night to support this family-friendly event. Additionally, Boston Police are reminding attendees not to consume alcohol or marijuana in public spaces or prohibited private spaces, not to fly drones at any First Night activities, to dress accordingly for the weather, and to report any suspicious activity.

"We will not only have a large presence around official First Night celebrations but across the City in all of our neighborhoods

as well," said Commissioner Michael Cox, Boston Police Department. "We will utilize all specialized units needed to ensure public safety and we ask for the public's assistance in making this a Happy New Year for all."

A parade from Copley to the Boston Common will lead up to the Family Fireworks over the Common starting at 7:00 p.m. Midnight Fireworks over Boston Harbor will once again be produced by the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park. More information can be found at boston.gov/first-night.

The public is reminded that it is illegal for private citizens to use, possess, or sell fireworks, and that illegal fireworks pose significant dangers to the safety of residents and their property.

"Boston Fire is ready to work with our city and state agencies to have a successful First Night Celebration," said Commissioner Paul F. Burke, Boston Fire Department. "BFD will have our Tactical Response Unit, Hazmat Techs, Inspectors as well as fully staffed engine companies on and

around the event areas to support the public's safety in any way we can."

Boston EMS will also be deploying additional personnel at dispatch operations and in ambulances on New Year's Eve.

"Celebrating responsibly is not just about looking out for yourself, but also those you are with, ensuring everyone gets home safe," said Boston EMS Chief Jim Hooley. "If anyone requires emergency medical services, please call us. Boston EMS personnel are posted throughout the City. We are incredibly grateful for our EMTs and Paramedics, as well as all members of public safety, healthcare and other industries, working through holidays."

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) recommends wearing masks when attending events indoors to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses. Especially during the holiday season, BPHC recommends people get their COVID-19 vaccine and booster, test before and after attending

gatherings, and to stay home if they're sick.

"We are proud to keep this Boston tradition shining bright, and entirely free for guests of all ages," said Dusty Rhodes, president of Conventures, and organizer of First Night. "We are very appreciative of the support of our corporate sponsors, and from the City of Boston, without whom this event would not be possible. We can't wait to welcome Boston's visitors and residents alike on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day."

First Night festivities will impact traffic and parking in the Back Bay as well as along Boston's waterfront. People coming into the City to celebrate are strongly encouraged not to drive. Details on parking and traffic restrictions can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Bos-hol-traffic-advisory>.

The MBTA will be free on all modes of travel after 8:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Updated holiday schedules can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/MBTA-holiday-schedule>.

Ice Sculpture of local penguins on display at New England Aquarium

Special to the Sun

An ice sculpture of several Aquarium penguins, designed and carved by Don Chapelle of Brilliant Ice Sculpture of Lawrence, will take over New

England Aquarium's Central Wharf, beginning Dec. 28, weather permitting, and in time for this year's Boston Waterfront Ice Sculpture Stroll on New Year's Eve. The sculpture will be formed out of 36 blocks of ice,

each weighing 300 pounds, for a total of 10,800 pounds.

For 16 years, Chapelle has been creating massive ice sculptures for the Aquarium including a North Atlantic right whale, sharks, penguins, fur seals, sea

lion pups, and octopuses. This year, he is preparing a 10-foot-wide, 8-foot-tall, 4-foot-deep sculpture of the Aquarium's beloved African penguins, each standing about 35 to 40 inches tall, including Beach Donkey, a 24-year-old elderly African penguin who captivated the public this year.

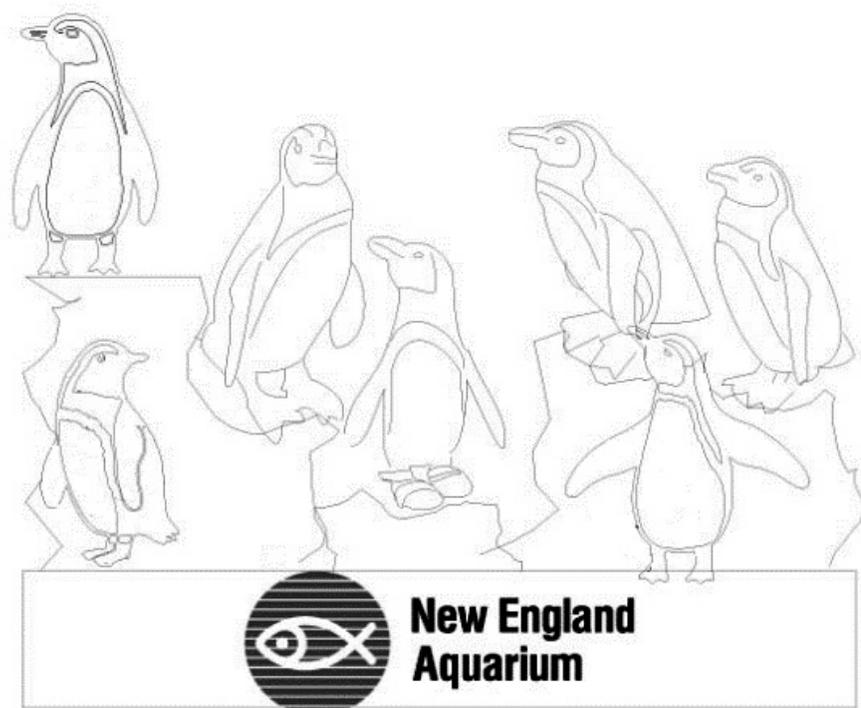
More than half of the Aquarium's penguin residents have exceeded their life expectancy of 15 years in the wild, requiring specialized geriatric care by Aquarium staff to ensure the animals are healthy and happy.

Don Chapelle began this year's ice sculpture in his studio in an old Lawrence mill building off North Canal Street. Using powerful and highly accurate ice sculpting tools, he makes intricate designs and then fuses the pieces together on site at the Aquarium. In his studio, Chapelle stores the sculpture pieces in a freezer that gets down to 12 to 15 degrees before shipping them out in several of his delivery vehicles.

"It's always an honor to work with such an esteemed institu-

tion such as the New England Aquarium," Chapelle said. "We have partnered for 16 years, and it's been a pleasure designing and sculpting all sorts of mammals, fish, and fauna."

The public is invited to come celebrate New Year's Eve on Boston's waterfront. The Aquarium is one of 32 locations participating in the free Waterfront Ice Sculpture stroll on Dec. 31 from 1 p.m. to dusk. Visitors can view the interactive map and learn more about participating companies and organizations at boston-harbornow.org.



Scan this code with your smartphone to view the map of all ice sculpture locations on your phone.

Wu announces strategy for inclusive growth

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu announced a set of proposals to make substantial changes to Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) and the commercial Linkage Policy that will enable Boston to support its growing population and ensure the city is a place where families of all income levels can afford to live. These changes will increase Boston's supply of affordable housing while maintaining the City's position as an attractive market for real estate development. Mayor Wu's strategy for inclusive growth will lower barriers to development and create a more predictable development timeline. Together, the package of actions will enable development that allows the city to grow equitably and inclusively.

"We are using every tool that the City has to urgently address Boston's housing crisis," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "By directing public and private resources from development toward our shared vision of a Boston for everyone, we are taking necessary steps to ensure Boston remains a place that current residents, families and future generations can call home. I'm grateful to this team and our partners for their work to continue prioritizing affordability for residents in our city's continued growth."

Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP)

Under an Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), developers of market-rate residential developments are required to support the creation of affordable housing in exchange for zoning relief. Under the current IDP, developments with ten or more units in need of zoning relief support the creation of income-restricted housing through on-site units, off-site units, or through payment to an IDP Fund managed by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The IDP requirements were last updated in December 2015. In January 2021, the Massachusetts State Legislature approved a Home Rule Petition that allows Boston to codify inclusionary development into the zoning code. The Mayor's proposed changes are aimed at directing a larger share of resources from development toward the Administration's vision of a Boston for everyone.

The Mayor's proposed changes to IDP include: Lowering the threshold from 10 to seven units, and, for rental projects, increasing the proportion of the project that is income-restricted from 13% to 20% of the project, while also deepening affordability requirements. In an innovative approach, 17% of the project will be income restricted at an average of 60% of Area Median Income, and an additional 3% of the project will be offered at market rents and reserved for people with housing vouchers. Federal Housing Vouchers usually pay a landlord Fair Market Rents at 100% of Area Median Income. As a result of the updated policy, voucher holders will have more options, as voucher holders generally have incomes less than 30% of Area Median Income. Additionally, with Boston's Small Area Fair Market Rents, landlords who rent to eligible households may be able to get higher Fair Market Rents depending on their zip code. Between the voucher units and traditional IDP units, the resulting affordability will be 55.5% of Area Median Income.

For homeownership projects, on-site IDP requirements will be increased from 13% to 20% in IDP Zone A & B (the top third and middle third of citywide neighborhood median values), while holding affordable requirements at an average of 90% of Area Median Income. The Mayor is using new authority to incorporate the IDP into zoning, therefore assuring that all developments with seven or more units help to meet Boston's affordable housing needs. The effective date for the new rules will be determined based on the BPDA Board, Zoning Commission, and City Council approval processes, but it will not affect any projects currently under review.

"Expanding the supply of affordable housing in the city is critical to both long term economic success and advancing equity goals; the Samuels & Associates team supports the Mayor's efforts to identify multiple strategies to address this challenge," said Abe Menzin, Principal and Executive Vice President of Samuels and Associates. "The process for considering changes to the city's Inclusionary Development Policy continues to be thorough and based on analysis

of the many complex factors that determine affordability and economic feasibility. Though it is an increasingly difficult time to build and finance housing projects, we are committed to working with the city on creative solutions to advancing housing affordability goals."

"Boston's housing crisis has many dimensions and requires many solutions but at the end of the day we desperately need more revenue to help renters and would-be homebuyers access safe, stable housing," said Joseph Kriesberg, President of the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations. "So we are very pleased that Mayor Wu is taking these critical steps forward to provide more funding and more affordable homes for our city's residents. These efforts, combined with her prior commitment to invest ARPA funds in housing and her proposal to the Legislature to create a transfer tax on high-value properties, will help thousands of families across our city. MACDC and its members will continue to partner with the Mayor and our City Council to take further steps to address this crisis while we also collectively advocate with our state legislature and new Governor to make the additional investments we so clearly need."

Linkage Policy

The changes to the Linkage Policy include lowering the threshold and exemption from 100,000 square feet to 50,000 square feet, increasing the total linkage fee over two years to \$30.78 per square foot for lab space, and to \$23.09 for other commercial uses, up from \$15.39. Sixteen percent of the fees will support job training and job preparedness programs, while the remaining 84 percent will support the creation and preservation of affordable housing. The increase in the fees will be phased in over two years. Projects with both lab and office space will be considered on a pro-rata basis. Linkage funds are used to support the creation and preservation of affordable housing, as well as to support the job training and job readiness needs of Boston's residents.

"Mayor Wu's proposed increase to the linkage fee is an important step in the effort to address Boston families' housing

needs," said Symone Crawford, Executive Director, Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance. "Linkage has been and will continue to be a vital resource for building new affordable homes in Boston. MAHA and our allies have been advocating for an increase in linkage for years and this proposal shows that Mayor Wu is listening."

These IDP and Linkage recommendations are based on research completed by RKG Associates (IDP) and by Karl Seidman Consulting Services/ConsultEcon, who were hired to examine each policy and the financial impacts on development, as well as feedback from the IDP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Next, the Administration will conduct a public engagement process to hear input from residents.

"The City needs to increase and diversify its housing stock in order to serve the residents that are living here now and to meet the demands of our growing population. The changes that the Mayor is recommending allow the supply of housing to increase while generating critical resources for the production of affordable housing," said Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing. "The funds generated through these policies will allow the City to acquire, preserve, and develop housing that will provide stable, affordable housing for generations."

"The Mayor recognizes that in order for our economy to thrive, every Bostonian needs the opportunity to participate," said Amy Nishman, president of the Job Training Alliance. "The non-profit job training community will use these resources to prepare and upskill our residents to meet employer demand."

In addition to proposing changes to create more affordable housing, Mayor Wu is also implementing changes to incentivize new development through a predictable, efficient, and values-based approach. These changes build on the executive order signed by Mayor Wu in October to speed the development of predominantly affordable housing in the City.

"Boston's workforce is the backbone of our region's economy. As that workforce grows, we need to increase both our market and workforce housing supply and deed-restricted affordable housing," said Chief of Planning

Arthur Jemison. "The Mayor's agenda will ensure that development occurs through a transparent and swift development review process so that we can support our city's most urgent needs."

The City will launch a process to review proposed changes to Article 80 in order to make it more timely and predictable for projects that meet the City's goals of resilience to climate change, affordability for residents, and equitable growth across neighborhoods. Under the new regulatory approach, the BPDA will develop a "scorecard" for projects. Projects that meet these goals may be eligible for streamlined review, focused community engagement, and simplified mitigation and community benefits. Projects which innovate in these three areas could possibly receive consideration for tax relief and infrastructure support. The reforms will also create new, predictable regulatory milestones for Article 80 review. These changes will be studied and canvassed with the community in the first quarter of 2023 with implementation targeted for the new fiscal year. Aspects of the changes, such as the scorecard, will be offered for public comment and discussion.

"The program the Mayor announced today is carefully crafted to advance the housing and sustainability agenda she campaigned on," said Matt Kiefer of Goulston & Storrs. "The details of implementation will really matter, but combining higher IDP and linkage with meaningful permitting efficiencies and possible public support for development is potentially path-breaking. In essence, the Mayor is saying to the development community, 'we'll be expecting more public benefit from you, and we'll also be making it easier for you to deliver it.'"

As part of this agenda for shared growth through development, the BPDA is also examining other changes to the Article 80 process that will make development review more timely, predictable, and transparent. The changes also include operational and procedural changes to the Boston Civic and Design Commission (BCDC) to streamline the design review process.

Baker-Polito Administration awards \$4.1 million to 11 organizations to improve access to reproductive health services

Special to the Sun

The Baker-Polito Administration announced \$4.1 million in grants to 11 community-based organizations and health care providers to improve access to reproductive health, including abortion care, across the Commonwealth.

The 11 funded organizations include existing health care organizations that provide abortion services, sexual and reproductive health care providers that will begin offering abortion services, and support for costs associated with receiving abortion care, for

example, transportation, child-care payments, lodging, translation services, and abortion dou-
 las.

“Today’s announcement is one more step in affirming this Administration’s commitment to ensuring access to reproductive health care, including access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services,” said Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders. “These funds help fulfill that commitment by expanding access to timely and safe reproductive health care that meets the needs of individuals and families.”

“Funding provided by these awards will support the infrastructure and capacity of reproductive health providers throughout the Commonwealth to ensure that sexual and reproductive health services are accessible to all Massachusetts residents and other individuals who may come to our state to seek care,” said Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke.

These funds come from the FY23 state budget, which appropriated \$2 million to support improvements in reproductive health access, infrastructure,

and security. An additional \$2.1 million comes from a reserve fund established by Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022 to address reproductive and family planning service needs in the Commonwealth. Grant recipients will use the funds to expand access to abortion services in new regions across the Commonwealth, increase the use of telehealth in abortion care, train providers, implement organizational development for all-volunteer abortion funds, and improve outreach.

Awarded organizations

include:

- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- Boston Medical Center
- Cambridge Health Alliance
- Health Imperatives
- HealthQ
- Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts
- Tides for Reproductive Freedom and its sub-grantees, Abortion Rights Fund of Western Massachusetts, Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Fund and the Jane Fund of Central Massachusetts
- Women's Health Services

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Next Steps

With these recommendations, the Boston Planning & Development Agency and the Mayor’s Office of Housing are kicking off a process that will include public hearings and a public comment period on each policy, before submitting recommended zoning amendment language to the BPDA Board, for an initial vote on each policy. For the Linkage Policy, the Zoning Commission will then take up the proposed zoning amendment. For the IDP, the BPDA vote would be followed by a City Council review and vote, followed by a vote of the Zoning Commission. BPDA is hosting a website for both the IDP and the Linkage Policy that includes draft and/or final studies, housing and housing market data, background information on each policy, announcements about upcoming public hearings (the first public meeting for Linkage is Jan. 11; the first public meeting for IDP is Jan. 21), and an opportunity to provide com-

ments.

BPDA will seek input from the community and other stakeholders on proposed changes to the development review process. The BPDA plans to share a draft scorecard in February 2023, host information sessions in March 2023; and implement the scorecard, as well as other new policies, by July 2023.

This announcement builds on Mayor Wu’s initiatives to address housing affordability in Boston issues which includes filing a Home Rule Petition relative to real estate transfer fees and senior property tax relief, signing an Executive Order designed to speed up affordable housing production, signing an Executive Order relative to affirmatively furthering fair housing, convening a Rent Stabilization Advisory Committee to inform future legislative proposals, hiring the City’s first Chief of Planning, announcing an action plan to best utilize the City-owned land described in the Public Land for

Public Good: Citywide Land Audit, and launching Welcome Home Boston, a historic investment in affordable homeownership in Boston.

About the Inclusionary Development Policy

Boston’s Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) was created by Executive Order in 2000. The current policy requires that market-rate residential developments with ten or more units in need of zoning relief support the creation of income-restricted housing through on-site units, off-site units, or through payment to an IDP Fund managed by the Mayor’s Office of Housing. The IDP requirements were last updated in December 2015. In January 2021, the Massachusetts State Legislature approved a Home Rule Petition that allows Boston to codify inclusionary development into the zoning code. Through 2021, almost 3,600 on-site and off-site income-restricted units have been created through the IDP and the fund has supported the construction or preservation of nearly 2,500 additional income-restricted units.

About the Commercial Linkage Policy

The Linkage Policy began in 1983, with the approval of Article 26 of the Boston Zoning Code, which sought to balance

large-scale commercial development with needed residential construction. In 1986, the City of Boston launched the Neighborhood Housing Trust (NHT) to manage housing linkage funds and expanded Article 26 to include job training as an element of the linkage policy, now managed through the Neighborhood Jobs Trust (NJT). The Neighborhood Housing Trust has collected \$227 million in funds since its inception. These funds have supported the creation of over 7,000 new income-restrict-

ed units and preserved almost 6,000 existing income-restricted units. The Neighborhood Jobs Trust has received over \$55 million in Linkage funds to support Boston’s education and workforce development efforts, with almost \$3.5 million disbursed in 2021 alone. The 2021 Home Rule Petition also gave the City of Boston the power to more readily make changes to the Linkage policy without seeking further state approval. The City increased linkage fees with this new flexibility in March 2021.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Self Storage Sale
 Please take notice Prime Storage - Boston Southampton St. located at 100 Southampton St., Boston, MA 02118 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will

occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 1/11/2023 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Joseph Stowers unit #1062; Aboubacar Conde unit #3044; Will Whitson unit #3155; Mustafa Mussa unit #3304; Michael J Cimmino

unit #4032; Kenneth Fluker unit #4191. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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new year on Jan. 3 at City Hall's Christopher A. Iannella Chamber.

- On Feb. 13, Members of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) Homelessness Task Force participated in the "Winter Walk" - a fundraiser to end homelessness.

Mayor Michelle Wu and City Councilor Kenzie Bok greeted the large crowd in Copley Square as they headed up Boylston Street and through the Boston Common before making their way back.

- On Thursday, Feb. 24, during School Vacation Week, Mayor Michelle Wu joined the Boston Parks and Recreation Department to bring the annual Children's Winter Festival back to the Boston Common Parade Ground.

- On Monday, March 14,

the Bay Village Historic District Commission held a public meeting to review a mock-up of an electrified gas street-lamp in the area of 212 Stuart St., which could set the city's standard for its "gas-to-electric streetlight retrofit" throughout the rest of Bay Village, as well as on Beacon Hill and Marlborough Street in the Back Bay.

Another public meeting sponsored by the Bay Village Historic District Commission on Wednesday, March 30, when the mock-ups of two streetlights were viewed in the area of 212 Stuart St.

The Bay Village Historic District Commission unanimously approved the installation of nine new electrified streetlights as part of developer Greystar's residential project at 212 Stuart St. at its April 12 public hearing, which



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A mock-up of an electrified gaslight installed in the area of 212 Stuart St. in Bay Village.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY ISABEL LEON

The city's annual Children's Winter Festival returned to the Boston Common on Thursday, Feb. 24.

took place virtually.

- On Monday, April 4, the Esplanade Association's annual meeting returned as an in-person event at the Westin Copley Place Hotel's the Staffordshire Room after going remote for the previous two years due to the pandemic.

- On April 29, the Friends of the Public Garden's Green & White Ball returned after a two-year absence to the Four Seasons.

More than 170 guests were on hand for cocktails, dinner, and dancing, while raising nearly \$500,000 to support the ongoing care of the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

- On May 5, the public got its first look at the proposed Stanhope Hotel during a virtual meeting sponsored by the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

HN Gorin, a Boston family-owned real estate company, intends to redevelop the Red Lantern building at 39 Stanhope St. in the Back Bay into a



COURTESY OF FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN

Friends President Liz Vizza and Allen Snyder are seen at the Friends of the Public Garden's Green & White Ball, which returned after a two-year absence on April 29 to the Four Seasons.

new 21-story, 300-plus-key hotel with on-site amenities for guests, including serving food and breakfast service, limited meeting space, laundry, and a fitness center.

- On Sunday, May 22, Rev. Nancy S. Taylor delivered her final sermon at Old South Church, bringing an end to her

17-year tenure as the church's 20th Senior Minister, as well as her 40 years in the ministry.

She was called on by a vote of the congregation as the 20th Senior Minister of Old South Church on Oct. 3, 2004, becoming the first female Senior Minister in the history of the church, which dates back to 1669.

- On Tuesday, June 7, the final beam over the Massachusetts Turnpike was put in place for the Parcel 12 air-rights project during a ceremony to mark the milestone attended by Gov. Charlie Baker, among other elected officials and luminaries.

Developer Samuels & Associates is transforming the "critical" intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Boylston and Newbury streets in the Back Bay, into a 545,000 square-foot, mixed-use development comprising two towers sitting atop the Massa-



COURTESY OF THE BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

A rendering of the proposed Stanhope Hotel.



COLIN PAPE PHOTO

Rev. Nancy S. Taylor, who delivered her final sermon at Old South Church on Sunday, May 22.

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ities to be hosted in the area for the public to enjoy, including a Celtics “watch party “ in Copley Square on June 11, as well as the Donna Summer Disco Party on June 16.

• On Tuesday, June 14, between 750 and 800 guests were on hand for the Fenway Civic Association’s annual Rose Garden Picnic outside the Kelleher Rose Garden.

The event featured food, music, and friends as well as a live performance of bluegrass and America music by The Bagboys.

• On Tuesday, June 28, South End-based Transom Real Estate and Camber Development of Boston, together with Wheelock Street Capital of Greenwich, Conn., filed a Project Notification Form (PNF) with the city on for a proposed project, which would raze five dilapidated South End buildings to make way for a five-story office/laboratory building.

The proposed new 79,600 square-foot building at 65 Wareham St. would contain approximately 2,000 square feet of first-floor retail and around 44 below-

grade parking spaces.

• On Tuesday, June 28, the Friends of the Public Garden’s annual Summer Celebration returned to Brewer Fountain Plaza on the Boston Common after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

• On Thursday, July 21, the Esplanade Association’s 11th annual Summer Dock Party was held at the Community Boating docks.

• On July 27, the Friends of the Public Garden’s Summer Party returned to the UMass Club after a three-year hiatus.

• On Tuesday, Aug. 2, Mayor Michelle Wu joined members of the South End community, along with officers from Boston Police D-4 and other elected officials, for National Night Out at Peters Park in the South End.

At this time, Captain Steve Sweeney of Boston Police D-4 presented the Neighborhood Night Out 2022’s Top Crime Watch Group of the Year Award on behalf of Boston Police to the East Berkley Neighborhood Association, with the group’s current chair Leslie Fine and past chair Ken Smith accepting the



D. MURPHY PHOTO

Left to right are Elliott Laffer, chair of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay board; NABB board member Ellen Rooney; and Rep. Jon Santiago at National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Peters Park in the South End.



COURTESY OF SAMUELS & ASSOCIATES

The final beam over the Massachusetts Turnpike is put in place for the Parcel 12 air-rights project.

award.

• On Sunday, Aug. 21, the city transformed Newbury Street into a pedestrian-only walkway for the first of six annual Open Newbury Street events, which took place on consecutive Sundays and wrapped up Sept. 25.

• On Monday, Aug. 22, the MGM Music Hall at Fenway – an approximately 5,000-seat indoor music venue that sits adjacent to Fenway Park – held its official ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 Lansdowne St.

• On Sunday, Sept. 18, the Mass Ave Coalition Festival was held in Chester Square Park.

The festival, which featured exhibits, live music, and free food and kids’ activities, among other offerings, was made possible by a collaborative effort between the four neighborhood associations comprising the coalition – Chester Square Neighbors, the Claremont Neighborhood Association, the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association, and the Worcester Square Neighborhood Association.

• On Oct. 27, the MBTA unveiled a revised proposal for its redesigned bus network map, including continued service for its Route 55 bus, which connects Fenway and Kenmore to the Back Bay. The bus route had initially been slated for elimination by the T last year until City Councilor Bok, together with the nonprofit Fenway CDC (Community Development Corporation), stepped up to lead a community effort that helped successfully save the service.

• On Tuesday, Nov. 8, Massachusetts voters supported Maura Healey in the general election for her historic victory to become the next Governor of Massachusetts.

• On Monday, Dec. 5, the Boston Planning & Development

Agency held a virtual introductory meeting to launch the public process to establish new guidelines for development in the Fenway.

Four projects in the neighborhood are currently under review by the BPDA, including an approximately 553,000 square-foot lab/office building with additional retail, restaurant, and civic space proposed for 1400 Boylston St. (Star Market); Fenway Corners - a proposed, approximately 2.1 million square-foot project that would transform four blocks around the ballpark into several new buildings containing office/research, retail, and residential space; a pair of seven-story building containing a total of 111 residential units at 165 Park Drive; and 2 Charlesgate West, a 254,000 square-foot, mixed-use, mostly residential project containing 400 units.

The previous neighborhood-wide planning initiative for the neighborhood was conducted around 20 years ago, which was codified by the city with the adoption of Article 66 in 2004.



GENEVIEVE DAY PHOTO

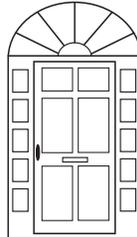
City Councilor Kenzie Bok offers remarks to guests during the Fenway Civic Association’s annual Rose Garden Picnic on Tuesday, June 14, outside the Kelleher Rose Garden.

• On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the South End Landmark District Commission approved the proposed redevelopment of Hotel Alexandra.

The developer, Alexandra Partners, intends to transform the historic building at 1767-1796 Washington St. into “Alexandra Residences,” a 13-story, mixed-use project with ground floor restaurant and café space and 70 condo units.

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Meet the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture's newest members

Special to the Sun

Over the past few months, the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture (MOAC) has welcomed several new staff members.

These new roles have allowed MOAC to build a team focused on cultural planning efforts, expand our grants and programs, foster creative placemaking, and improve their outreach to constituents.

BILLY DEAN THOMAS: CITY HALL PLAZA ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

As the City Hall Plaza Engagement Manager, Billy Dean Thomas (pronouns: they/them) is responsible for programming events and building relationships with organizations and community members to activate City Hall Plaza. With a background



in grant administration, arts equity, and program design, Billy Dean has partnered with several agencies and organizations to build frameworks that support creative placemaking and entrepreneurship for artists.

Billy Dean is also a Grammy-nominated Hip-hop recording artist and was named a 2019 City of Boston Artist Fellow!

SAMANTHA ROSE HALE: DIRECTOR OF GRANTS AND PROGRAMS

As Director of Grants and Programs, Samantha Rose Hale (pronouns: they/them) is responsible for the strategic direction and implementation of the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture's year-round grants and programs for individual artists and organizations, public programs, workshops, and programmatic part-



nerships.

Samantha brings an extensive background in performance, arts education and administration, grassroots organizing, nonprofit management, and philanthropy. Over the past two decades, they designed and facilitated public dialogues, community advocacy events, and major arts-based performances.

JARED STALEY: CULTURAL PLANNING PROJECT MANAGER: DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Jared Staley (pronouns: he/him/his) prioritizes equity, justice, and transparency in his work and life. In his role as Cultural Planning Project Manager - Development Review, Jared works on issues of cultural space instability and helps to direct the development pipeline in Boston to better support and sustain our cultural and creative industries. Under the supervision of the Director of Cultural Planning, Jared engages with internal departments and external project development teams to guide development proposals, including both spatial and operational considerations.



Prior to his role with the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, Jared worked for the Boston Planning & Development Agency as a neighborhood planner, collaborating with several of Boston's communities.

ANITA MORSON-MATRA: CULTURAL PLANNING PROJECT MANAGER: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As Cultural Planning Project

Manager (Community Engagement), Anita Morson-Matra (pronouns: she/her) serves as the key point of contact between communities, arts and culture stakeholders, and Boston's cultural spaces and other assets. Her role is dedicated to equitable civic engagement and public participation in service of cultural planning efforts.



Anita is an urban planner, creative, place leader, and organizational strategist. She is also the Creator/ Founder/ Curator of Nubian Nights: the Sights and Sounds of Jazz in Roxbury and Baldwin in the Park. Anita was recently recognized by WBUR as one of The Makers, 15 artists and creatives changing the cultural landscape in the Greater Boston area.

KENNY MASCARY: CHIEF OF STAFF

Originally from Haiti, Kenny Mascary (pronouns: he/him) first arrived in Boston for college in 2004. Kenny then cut his teeth at mission-driven organizations like the West End House Boys and Girls Club, Cambridge Youth



Programs, the Cambridge Public Library and more recently, Now + There, before joining the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture as Chief of Staff.

As a DJ, therapeutic mentor, film photographer, board certified basketball referee, and planner, Kenny is passionate about connecting with communities and individuals that share a passion and excitement around conversations and experiences that open minds and help co-create spaces to celebrate the creative diversity of Boston's dynamic and ever-changing cultural fabric.

MORGAN CLARK: DIGITAL MEDIA MANAGER

As the Digital Media Manager for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, Morgan Clark (pronouns: she/her/hers) supports and manages storytelling related to our programs, resources, and investments in creative placemaking on social media and



through other channels.

Morgan is originally from Connecticut and graduated from Boston University in 2022 with a B.S. in Public Relations. During her time at BU, she conducted research on social media as a tool for arts education. Morgan also has a background in dance and currently enjoys finding a creative outlet through crochet.

Interested in joining the team? We're currently hiring a Public Art Registrar to manage information related to the City's art collection and support the coordination and administration of our public art program.

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CITY PAWS

What we learn from dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The change from one year to another is a time of reflection on the past and hope for the future. We've been thinking about the lessons we learned from the special dogs we've known and the people they've brought into our lives.

Show Your Love

We should all emulate the greetings a dog gives to someone they love. Think about how disappointing it is to come home when your dog isn't there. No matter what the reaction of others in the home is, you can count on your dog to greet you with glee and make you feel welcome. Perhaps we should greet the family with a hearty "welcome home."

Use All Your Senses

Dogs are great role models for us when it comes to using all our senses. Their world is made richer by the sights, sounds, aromas,

tastes, and textures around them. They pay attention to all incoming data.

On the other hand, we often ignore the richness on offer while distracted by our busy minds or addiction to our devices. In the year ahead, watch the dogs in your life and learn to pay attention to what they're investigating in the sensory world. See if you can notice and enjoy some of what they do.

Trust Your Instincts

We learned this lesson from our first dog, Sassy. She was a great judge of people. Her official title around our office was Vice President for security and morale. Security went beyond barking when the mailman arrived.

Sassy had three approaches to most people. Some of the best people we ever knew were greeted with exuberance and treated to cuddles and kisses. Most people, she welcomed politely.

However, she raised her hack-

les and growled at visitors in a few instances. In one case, it was a client who eventually proved to be an unethical person. Another example was a person at a hiring interview. In the end, other staff members voted with Sassy against this hire.

Self Care

Naps are a way of life for dogs. When they're tired, they find a cozy spot and doze. When we're tired, we try to push through and accomplish more. Perhaps we should build some naptime into our days as a better way to be productive.

Exercise is essential to dogs, and so is stretching. How many times a day do you see your companion doing a downward dog? When they get up from a resting position, they stretch. We are encouraged to stretch by trainers and physical therapists. Learn from your dog and take moments each day to give your body a relaxing stretch.

One way or another, dogs ask



Poppy likes to cuddle up with a friend after a good play session and nap.

for what they need. Poppy jumps up with one of us when she wants a good massage and cuddles. She knows we can't resist giving her the touches she craves. Your dog may lead you to the door when they need to go out. Now think, how often do you let those around you know what you need right at that moment?

Be Thankful for Dogs

We'll end with wise words from one of our all-time favor-

ite dog people, author and animal activist Roger Caras who wrote, "Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith, and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made."

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

BPDA delivers more than \$11 million in mitigation funding to local organizations

The Boston Planning & Development Agency announced earlier this month the delivery of approximately \$11 million in funding to the West End Museum, Museum of African American History, Boston Preservation Alliance, Old West Church, the Boston Transportation Department, and the Boston Public Works Department. This funding is provided by Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) as a result of their clinical building project currently being built on Fruit Street in the West End. The clinical building project will include new beds and clinical facilities for the hospital.

"Mitigation funding is critical to strengthening our community through important local organizations," said Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison in a press release. "I am glad that MGH could be a part of that work with such a sizable commitment, and I look forward to seeing how this funding will benefit these important institutions."

"Collaborating with the organizations endeavoring to preserve and celebrate the West End's rich and important history is an integral part of our

Cambridge Street Project," said Massachusetts General Hospital President David F. M. Brown, MD, in a press release. "We are thrilled to support so many important programs and institutions, while also reaffirming our commitment to strengthening our area communities."

MGH's commitment to supporting the West End Museum includes ongoing monetary contributions of \$250,000 per year for 10 years for operating support, the inclusion of historic displays in the Clinical Building, the provision of an MGH-affiliated individual to serve on their Board, and an endowment of \$1 million. These commitments total approximately \$3,650,000.

"This funding provided to the Museum via the BPDA is an essential part of rebuilding our space after a catastrophic flood in January, and will help to ensure that we reopen in 2023 fully in line with the vision laid out by our team," said Executive Director of the West End Museum Sebastian A. Belfanti in a press release.

The Old West Church, which serves the West End with a variety of social programs and stewards the main remaining historic community building of the Old

West End, received funding for historic rehabilitation and/or programmatic support. MGH will also make an annual payment to the church for five years in support of food justice and community-building in the West End. These commitments total approximately \$2,500,000.

"Old West Church is grateful to be a part of MGH's community mitigation agreement. The funding has helped secure a future for Old West's building, a national historical landmark, and our important food justice work," said Rev. Dr. Sara Garrard in a press release. "We at OWC are grateful for the work of MGH as a community partner dedicated to equity and justice, the future sustainability and livability of Boston's West End neighborhood, and beyond."

MGH will also partner with the Museum of African American History, which provides programming aligned with MGH's diversity and inclusion initiatives. This funding will allow for the design and renovation of the Museum's exhibit hall, a Museum presence in the clinical building with exhibit space curated for Museum content, and a corporate sponsorship over ten years. These commitments total

approximately \$3,050,000.

"The Museum of African American History is honored to begin a new partnership with Massachusetts General Hospital," said Chair of the Board of Directors of the Museum of African American History, Sylvia Stevens-Edouard, in a press release. "The generous funding that we have been awarded will allow for both increased capacity and the expansion of our mission to tell the story of 18th and 19th century African American history, and how it impacts today's exploration of race and the struggle for human rights."

The hospital remains committed to providing a financial contribution supporting the Legacy Fund, established through the advocacy of the Boston Preservation Alliance as a mechanism for development to enable local historic preservation projects. MGH will also continue to involve the Boston Preservation Alliance in its efforts to preserve the façade of the Winchell School. The funding commitments for the Preservation Alliance total approximately \$1,100,000.

In addition to these important local organizations, the Boston Transportation Department and Public Works will receive more

than \$4 million to study design changes and improvements that can be made to Cambridge Street, Blossom Street and the North Grove/Cambridge Street intersection.

"As Councilor for the West End, I am so proud of all the organizations that steward the rich history of this Boston neighborhood — including its immigrant and Black history and its community gathering places," said District 8 Councilor Kenzie Bok in a press release. "MGH is an institution that has always made its home in the West End, so it's deeply appropriate that its new project is enabling these transformational investments in the West End for the next generation."

This funding is part of the community benefits and mitigation agreements that the BPDA negotiated with Massachusetts General Hospital for their new clinical building project. Community benefits and mitigation from projects are negotiated via the Article 80 review process with developers as a way to ensure significant and long lasting improvements to the public when new developments are built in their neighborhoods, according to the BPDA.

Wu announces confirmation of new members to the ZBA

Special to the Sun

Mayor Michelle Wu celebrated the confirmation by the Boston City Council of eight new appointees to the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA), bringing the new total of confirmed ZBA appointees to 10. Mayor Wu announced a slate of appointees in September and sent their nominations to the City Council for review. The Mayor's appointees live across the City and represent the diversity of Boston, including members who are multilingual, renters in income-restricted housing, homeowners, building trades members, first generation immigrants, and multigenerational Bostonians. Their collective training and experience

include city and transportation planning, community development, affordable housing creation, sustainable development and architectural design, and construction.

As the City's zoning code has not kept up with Boston's growth, the majority of development proposals in the city require zoning relief and must be reviewed and approved by the ZBA. These new ZBA members will work closely with Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison to help advance the Mayor's goal of rebuilding trust with communities through planning-led development while advancing equity, affordability, and resilience across all functions of the City's development review process.

"Thank you to the City Council for confirming these new members, who will play a crucial role in our work to build more housing and address the regional affordability crisis, support equitable and resilient neighborhoods, and shift to planning-led development," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "These board members represent the diversity, talent, and expertise of our communities to ensure Boston's growth helps address our greatest challenges."

The ZBA totals 14 members – seven primary members and seven alternates with a range of experience as required by state law – who serve three-year terms. Alternates serve if primary members are unable to attend a

ZBA hearing. All members currently serving on the ZBA were appointed by previous administrations.

Earlier this month, the City Council confirmed both Raheem Shepard and David Aiken to serve on the ZBA. Jeanne Pinao, Alaa Mukahhal and Thea Massouh are still awaiting confirmation by the Boston City Council.

Confirmed Members of Zoning Board of Appeal

At-Large

Giovanni Valencia, West Roxbury (primary seat)

Neighborhood Organization Seats

Norm Stembridge, Roxbury (primary seat)

Shavel'le Olivier, Mattapan

(alternate seat)

Sherry Dong, Dorchester (primary seat)

David Aiken, East Boston (alternate seat)

Greater Boston Real Estate Board

Katie Whewell, West End (alternate seat)

Boston Society of Architecture Hansy Barraza, Roslindale (primary seat)

Building Trades Employers Association

Raheem Shepard, Hyde Park (primary seat)

Building Trades Council

Alan Langham, Dorchester (primary seat)

Dave Collins, Roslindale (alternate seat)

Baker signs Executive Order to establish Massachusetts Cyber Incident Response Team

Special to the Sun

Governor Charlie Baker signed an executive order to establish the Massachusetts Cyber Incident Response Team (MA-CIRT). Led by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS), MA-CIRT is established with the mission of enhancing the Commonwealth's ability to prepare for, respond to, mitigate against, and recover from significant cybersecurity threats. The Governor signed the executive order as Massachusetts and other jurisdictions confront an overall increase in cybersecurity threats to websites and networks.

"State governments and other organizations across the country are increasingly being targeted by bad actors aiming to disrupt operations and compromise informa-

tion systems," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This executive order will further strengthen the Commonwealth's policies, procedures, and resources required to prevent potential threats and appropriately respond to attacks on government infrastructure and services. As state governments expand their digital footprints, moving more services online and allowing for a more connected workforce, it's critical that we make the necessary investments to protect this critical technology infrastructure from acts of terrorism and criminal, organized crime, and gang activity."

"Cybersecurity attacks threaten Commonwealth technology networks and the continuity of essential government services we provide to the constituents we serve," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "With the establishment

of MA-CIRT, the Baker-Polito Administration continues to invest and prioritize the delivery of effective and reliable government services to the people of the Commonwealth."

"With my background in public safety, I know the importance that leadership buy-in plays in swift, organized, and effective response to an external threat," said Secretary of Technology Services and Security Curt Wood. "The Baker-Polito Administration is once again leading from the front on government cybersecurity and I thank Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Polito, and my fellow leaders in cybersecurity and public safety for their partnership on the issuance of this critical executive order that will serve the Commonwealth for years to come."

Under the direction of the EOTSS Secretary, the formation of MA-CIRT convenes cybersecurity and public safety experts from across state government

as required members, including leadership representatives from:

- The Executive Office of Technology Services and Security

- The Commonwealth Security Operations Center

- The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

- The Commonwealth Fusion Center

- The Massachusetts State Police Cyber Crime Unit

- The Massachusetts National Guard

- The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

The Executive Order reinforces Massachusetts as a leader in cybersecurity enhancement efforts through a variety of strategies. To prevent against attacks and increase the Commonwealth's cybersecurity resiliency, the Order underscores the need for preparing for and marshaling a coordinated response, mitigation, and recovery effort from significant cybersecurity threats or incidents. Additionally, the

Order:

- Requires MA-CIRT to review cybersecurity threat information and vulnerabilities to make informed recommendations and establish appropriate policies to manage the risk of cyber incidents for executive department agencies and all other state agencies served by EOTSS.

- Requires MA-CIRT to develop and maintain an up-to-date Cyber Incident Response Plan, which will guide the actions of the Commonwealth's key public safety and information security and technology teams, state agency resources, and security professionals in responding to and minimizing the impact of significant cybersecurity threats to Commonwealth systems. The Plan is required to be submitted annually to the Governor for review and approval.

- Empowers the EOTSS Secretary to serve as MA-CIRT lead, with the approval of the Governor, to direct MA-CIRT in response to a significant cyber incident.

- Requires the routine exchange of information related to cybersecurity threats and reported incidents between the Commonwealth Fusion Center and the Commonwealth Security Operations Center.

- Requires EOTSS and MA-CIRT to consult with the Massachusetts Cyber Center and assist the Center with efforts to

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Haggerty, Kathleen E	FPG Lagrange Owner 1	47-55 Lagrange St #402	\$182,600
Zhang, Zhaoyan	FPG Lagrange Owner 1	55 Lagrange St #701	\$755,000
46 Montgomery Street LLC	Michaud, Richard C	46 Montgomery St	\$2,010,000
Clarendon Stuart LLC	Kibenlotte RT	400 Stuart St #PH1	\$9,250,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Schroeder, Vera	Jin, Peng	88 Kingston St #1F	\$720,000
Nine Friends NT	Apostolicas, Peter	300 Pier 4 Blvd #8F	\$3,300,000
Caplan, Kara	Dickert Jr, Thomas M	580 Washington St #5C	\$1,725,000

CYBERSECURITY (from pg. 10)

foster cybersecurity resiliency through communications, collaboration, and outreach to state agencies, municipalities, educational institutions, and industry partners.

- Requires executive department agencies to comply with protocols and procedures established by MA-CIRT and all related policies, standards, and Administrative Directives issued by EOTSS.

- Requires Commonwealth executive department agencies and other state agencies served by EOTSS to identify and report significant cybersecurity incidents and coordinate efforts to mitigate and prevent further damage from cyber incidents.

- Requires all executive department personnel to annually complete the EOTSS approved security awareness training program administered by the

Human Resources Division.

- And strongly encourages other governmental entities throughout the Commonwealth not served by EOTSS to report cybersecurity threats or incidents to the Commonwealth Security Operations Center.

In 2021, Congress recognized the increased cyber threat posed to state and local governments by establishing a \$1 billion State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program as a part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The four-year grant program requires 80% of funds go toward assisting municipalities in enhancing their cybersecurity posture. This new federal program compliments the various support for municipal cybersecurity efforts offered by the Baker-Polito Administration, including: the Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program, Free

Cybersecurity Health Check Program, and the Community Compact IT Grant Program, which was established by Governor Baker's Executive Order 554 in 2015.

EOTSS was established in 2017 as the Commonwealth's lead technology and cybersecurity agency via Article 87 government restructuring legislation filed by Governor Baker and approved by the Legislature. Its mission is to lead initiatives to modernize the Commonwealth's IT infrastructure assets, continually strengthen government cybersecurity operations and standards via the consolidation of infrastructure and cybersecurity operations for the Commonwealth into a centrally managed state agency and leverage innovative technology solutions to offer user-friendly digital services to its constituents.

Attention to Detail

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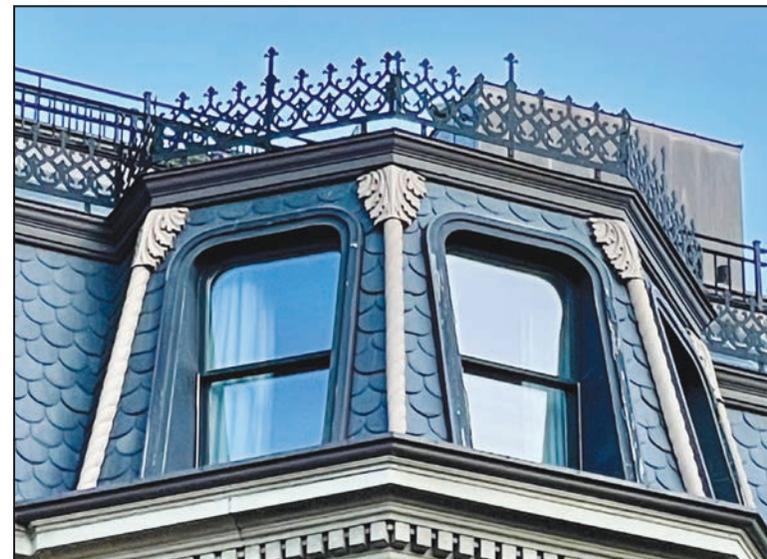
THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The roof line in the last clue is on 372-374 Columbus Avenue. These buildings share a double stairway, perfect for stoop-sitting and getting to know your neighbors in warmer months. Today's answer is from a 1984 Boston Landmarks Commission photo.

The next clue will be found in the Back Bay. 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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