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The Gas Lamp Survey Team (from left to right): Sophia Gunzburg, Angels Barcelo Boj, Shamile Aldossary, Caroline Hanlon, Geneve Lau, and Urmila Suresh.

Only 47-percent of gas lamps are fully functioning

Special to the Times

On Nov. 21, a team of six Northeastern University students fanned out all over Beacon Hill to survey the status of all of the gas lamps in the neighborhood.

The survey project was conceived of by Rob Whitney, the Chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association ("BHCA"), as a comprehensive way to determine the working status of all of the

gas lamps within the Beacon Hill National Landmark District.

"The BHCA had heard a lot from our members about non-working gas lamps in the neighborhood," Whitney said, "and we learned from the City that they typically only hear about broken gas lamps from 311 reports or through individual resident calls."

Whitney said the BHCA decided to do a comprehensive review of all the Beacon Hill gas lamps

and hired Northeastern University students to conduct the survey.

"We did a short training with the students using a free app called 'Map Marker' to record the street location of each gas lamp, each gas lamp's GPS coordinates, and the condition of each gas lamp," Whitney said.

The six students then went out in teams of two, and recorded the

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Beacon Hill positive COVID tests 6.25 percent increase

By John Lynds

Last week the cumulative COVID-19 positive test rate in Beacon Hill and the surrounding neighborhoods increased while the weekly positive test rate decreased slightly.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday, overall since the pandemic

started 40,555 Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 5.1 percent of those tested were COVID positive--a 6.25 percent increase from the 4.8 percent two weeks ago.

Last week 5,151 residents were tested and 3.6 were positive--a 5.2 percent decrease from the 3.8 reported two Fridays ago.

Citywide, 50,439 residents were tested and 7.6 percent were found to be COVID positive last week.

The infection rate in Beacon Hill and surrounding neighborhoods increased 9 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

The BPHC data released last

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One-bedroom rentals see sharp price decline

By Dan Murphy

Boston has seen, according to one study, the median price for a one-bedroom fall by 17 percent citywide between January 2020 and this month, and Beacon Hill hasn't been immune to this trend.

According to Zumper, an online marketplace for apartment rentals, the median price for a one-bedroom in the city had fallen to \$2,150 in January 2021 from

\$2,610 during that same month last year, and Will Natoli, who has worked as broker with Compass Real Estate on Newbury Street for the past five years and rents about 50 apartments each year, said that prices for one-bedroom rentals on Beacon Hill have similarly declined, which, he said, "is 100-percent COVID related, obviously."

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Boston Consignment helps refresh living spaces

By Dan Murphy

People have been spending an unprecedented amount of time at home during the pandemic, which has inspired many to redesign their living areas, and for Boston Consignment, this trend means that business has been booming.

"We're busier now than we've been in 20 years," said Stacey Lai, who, together with her with her parents, Bob and Sheila Roy, owns the North Beverly-based high-end consignment store that specializes in antiques, furniture, art and jewelry (upscale furnishings, light

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Stacey Lai (at left), and her with her parents, Bob and Sheila Roy, who together own Boston Consignment, are seen in the high-end consignment store's North Beverly showroom.

For the latest news in Beacon Hill that you need to know, check
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EDITORIAL

JOE BIDEN NEEDS OUR PRAYERS

With President Joe Biden taking the oath of office this week, America is ready to recover -- both physically and psychologically -- from the four years of "carnage" that has been left behind by the previous presidential administration.

It is fair to say that no incoming President ever has faced more challenges than those that are awaiting Joe Biden:

-- Washington, D.C. looks like a war zone for the inauguration, with 30,000 U.S. troops fortifying the city in the wake of the mob that stormed the Capitol two weeks ago. Similar threats of violence by anarchist, right-wing groups loom all across the country.

-- The COVID-19 pandemic is killing thousands of Americans each and every day, seven days a week, filling our hospitals to overflowing and overwhelming our healthcare system.

-- The nation's economy is in tatters, even more so than during the Great Depression, with record-high unemployment, hunger, and small business failures.

-- America's reputation in the world never has been lower in our entire history. Both friend and foe view us as an unreliable and unstable nation, rather than the moral and powerful leader that we have been since our founding.

-- And last but not least, the Russians have breached our national security with a massive cyberattack, the full scope of which still is to be determined.

The one saving grace for our country is this: No incoming president in the past 50 years has had more experience, and is better prepared for the job, than Joe Biden. The same too, goes for his key Cabinet members. They will be able to hit the ground running to get us back on track.

Still, the task ahead for Joe Biden is daunting -- and he will need all of the prayers we can send his way.

LET'S GO, TAMPA BAY!

It's okay to admit it, Pats' fans -- we were rooting for Tom and Gronk in their playoff game for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this past Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

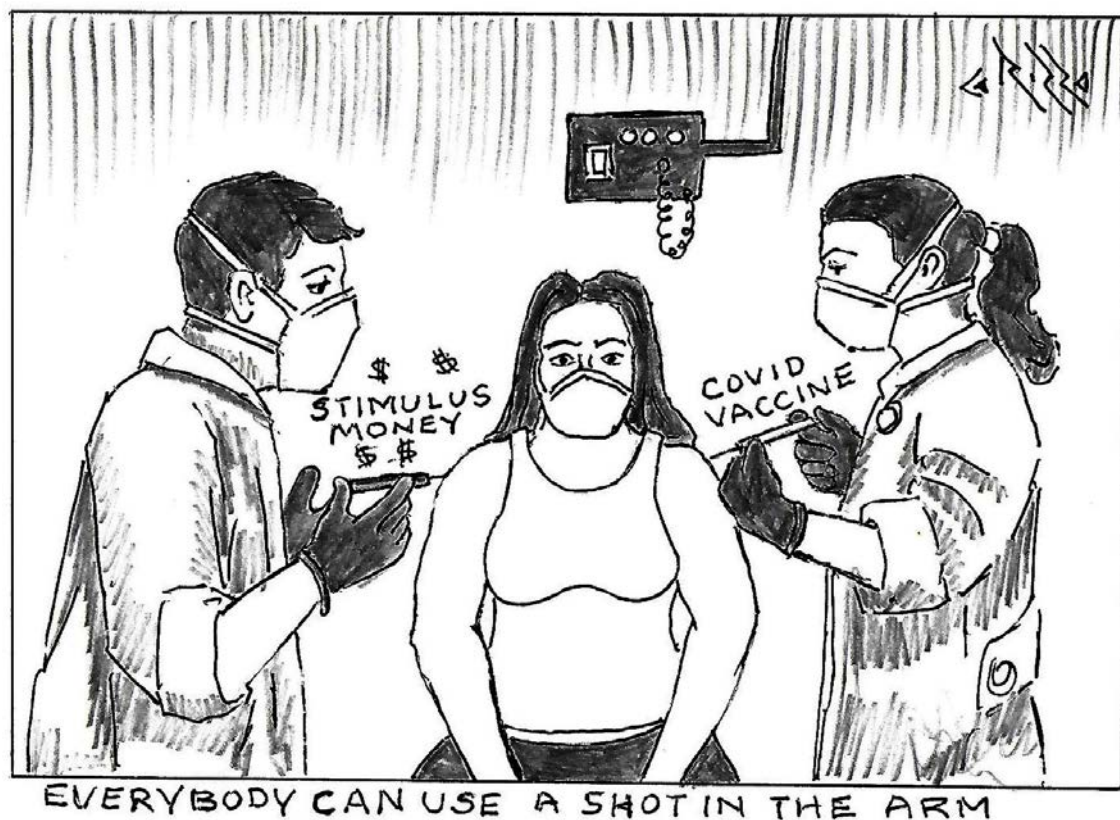
It has been jarring to see #12 playing in a Tampa Bay uniform this season -- it's like seeing your long-time ex- with someone else.

But with the Patriots' dismal season relegating the Pats to the bottom third of the NFL (where they are destined to remain for a while), Tom and Gronk's playoff run with the Bucs has given us something to cheer about.

True, both are only shadows of their former selves. Brady threw a lot of off-target passes and Gronk had trouble getting open. On the other hand, they connected for a key first-down deep in New Orleans territory late in the game that led to the Bucs' clinching score.

Although it was nowhere as dramatic as that amazing catch that Gronk made late in the 2019 AFC championship game in Kansas City that propelled the Pats to another Super Bowl, it still was a vintage Brady-to-Gronk clutch play that brought a smile to the face of every New England fan. (We should note too, that Gronkowski played a huge role in the Tampa Bay running game with his blocking, just as he did with the Pats for a decade.)

Tampa Bay will face a stiff challenge in Green Bay this Sunday. The Bucs smoked the Packers in their regular-season meeting earlier in the year, but Aaron Rodgers and Co. are playing at an unreal level right now. Let's go Bucs -- we want to see Tom and Gronk in the Super Bowl!



GUEST OP-ED

Thank you, Boston

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

On January 12, I held my final State of the City, which was broadcast live from Boston's newest civic treasure, the completely rebuilt Roxbury branch of the Boston Public Library in Nubian Square.

2020 was a tough year. 2021 is a year for healing as we keep each other safe; get through this final stretch of the pandemic; and build a recovery that moves all our neighborhoods forward.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, we have lost 1,077 Bostonians to COVID-19. They are loved and missed and their families are in my heart. COVID has affected all of us and it has hit some harder than others. Black, Latino, and immigrant communities faced the biggest impacts. Inequities in health, housing, and work opportunities caused more illness and job loss in these communities. Older Bostonians and those with disabilities face the highest risk and the most isolation. Most students have been out of classrooms since March, and families have struggled with childcare.

While 2020 was a year of struggle, it was also a year that brought out the best in our city. We saw nurses, doctors, and medical staff gearing up and going into battle to save lives and provide comfort.

We saw EMTs on the frontlines of a pandemic, helping over 4,000 COVID-19 patients. Firefighters brought recovery coaches to calls, to help those struggling with addiction. Police officers took 800 guns off the street, keeping us safe no matter the risk. Essential workers and City employees answered the call, day after day. Residents stepped up to help each other in a thousand different ways. The heroes are all around us.

As a City, we came together. We built a field hospital in five days. We created a Health Inequities Task Force to address health disparities across race and ethnicity. We've provided over six million meals to children, families, veter-

ans, and seniors. We got 40,000 laptops to students. We got permanent rental vouchers to over 1,000 families with children at risk of homelessness. And, we created the Boston Resiliency Fund, providing over \$30 million to help 250,000 households in need. And in 2020, despite the pandemic, we approved \$8.5 billion of new investment in our city, creating a potential 35,000 new jobs.

In 2021, we will continue that work. One of our next priorities is getting students safely back into Boston Public Schools. We will also continue to support small businesses, renters and homeowners, and those in recovery; push even further towards meeting our

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Beacon Hill Women's Forum featured 'Boston Film & Video' with Lorie Conway

By Ariana Hanley

The Beacon Hill Women's Forum held their January 2021 Forum on Tuesday, January 12. This month's forum featured Lorie Conway, an independent film producer and director for Boston Film & Video LLC. As a filmmaker, Lorie is dedicated to share stories filled with history, experiences, and emotion with her audience. Lorie immediately grasped all BHWF members' attention when she began to share her inspiring experiences and successful pieces of work.

Although Lorie has produced many notable films, her discussion focused on one favorite film in particular, *Forgotten Ellis Island*, a documentary film and companion book she wrote about the Ellis Island Immigrant Hospital. Lorie shared that most of her content in creating this "labor of love" was learned through scholars, letters, diaries, directly speaking with patients, and exploring the Ellis



Lorie Conway.

Island Immigrant Hospital by foot. Walking through the hospital halls, she could feel the America compassion was in place. Lorie completed the film, book, and all fundraising over a 10 year period.

Lorie's passion for telling stories through film and video is undeniable! From *The Incredible Story of Bill Pinkney*, to *Undaunted*, *Chasing History* at the Boston Marathon, to *Beatrice Mtetwa*,

and the *Rule of Law*, along with many more, her work has allowed viewers to learn an array of stories filled with history, sports, personal endeavors, politics and more. Her conversation was truly breathtaking for all members! Lorie shares even more of her successes and projects on her blog at www.bostonfilmvideo.com.

The Beacon Hill Women's Forum is a nonprofit organization established to help bring women in and around Beacon Hill together to form a close community of support and inspiration. We welcome a speaker, always a woman with a unique, formidable story to tell, to our monthly Forums which meet on the second Tuesday of the month, virtually, from 6pm to 8pm (virtual social hour, followed by the program starting at 7pm sharp). Visit The Beacon Hill Women's Forum website to learn more about our membership options. www.beaconhillwomensforum.org.

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climate goals; and invest in Boston's parks and civic spaces that give our residents more opportunities to come together, safely.

We also need to address all the ways systemic racism hurts people in our city. The urgency of this work has never been more clear. Last summer, George Floyd's murder sparked a long-overdue reckoning with racism. I thank Black Bostonians for the way you made your voices heard. And I thank everyone who joined the movement — Black, white, Latino, Asian, and indigenous peoples standing together. I'm asking all of us to accept this responsibility as our own and commit to fighting racism. It's our deepest moral obligation — and it's our greatest opportunity for growth.

We have tough days ahead of us. But we've been knocked down before, and we always get back up. In 2021, Boston will rise up again. We will leave no one behind, and our city will be stronger than ever.

As you might know, President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris have nominated me to be Labor Secretary in their administration. I have accepted this honor. If confirmed by the US Senate, I'm not going to Washington alone. I'm bringing Boston with me. This city is not just my hometown, it's my heart. I believe in Boston. This is the city that welcomed my immigrant parents. This is the city that picked me up when I needed a second chance. This is the city where I fought side by side with you for marriage

equality, immigrant rights, addiction treatment, criminal justice reform, education funding, and good middle-class jobs.

Every minute of every day in this job, I spent listening to you, learning from you, working with you and working for you. I will never forget it, and I will forever be grateful. We may be hurting now, but the state of our city is resilient; the state of our city is united; the state of our city is hopeful; and the state of our city is deep-down Boston strong.

Boston, thank you.

Mayor Martin Walsh is the current Mayor of Boston and has been nominated for President Joseph Biden's cabinet as Secretary of Labor.

CONSIGNMENT (from pg. 1)

fixtures, Oriental rugs and fine arts), as well as offers premium consignment services throughout New England. "Everyone's working from home and redesigning their interiors, and kind of looking for new fresh items. They're really experiencing their homes and saying, 'you know what, our living room hasn't been working for us so let's consign it and get a new one.' Folks want to refresh a room, and we're able to provide that service and recycle their old furniture, too."

The Roys, who lived on Beacon Street in the 1970s and '80s, opened Boston Consignment in Needham in 2010 before relocating the store to North Beverly in 2018. Before that, they owned and operated Cachet, a high-end consignment store in Fairfield, Conn., from 2001 until nine years later, when they moved back to the Boston area to be closer to their grandchildren and opened Boston Consignment.

Pre-pandemic, Boston Consignment already had a strong online presence through its website and Instagram, Lai said, so they were at an advantage when Massachusetts retail businesses were forced to temporarily shutter in compliance with Gov. Charlie Baker's mandate last March.

"When we closed the store for foot traffic and just had the website, we started shipping all over the country," Lai said.

For shipping purposes, Boston Consignment has used uShip, a platform likens to Uber that con-

nects shippers with independent carriers, for the past five or six years, and like on Uber, uShip users build a reputation over time based on the feedback from their transactions.

"They know we pay on time, we're respectful, and that we won't delay them," said Lai in regard to Boston Consignment's strong standing on uShip.

And for customers, using uShip also means they get their orders in a very timely manner.

When a customer called from Greenwich, Conn., earlier this month, searching for a card table, Boston Consignment had one in stock, Lai said, and after texting a photo of the item to the customer to ensure that it would satisfy her needs, it was delivered to her home the next day.

This comes in sharp contrast to many furniture manufacturers, Lai said, that now have such a backlog of due to the pandemic "it could take forever" to fill their orders.

In fact, Boston Consignment offers such convenience with items ready to ship, Lai said, that some interiors designers have begun using them as a "resource."

"Clients aren't traveling or eating out so they're spending money to make sure their homes are as comfortable as can be," Lai added.

Boston Consignment is located at 43 Enon St. (Rte. 1A) in North Beverly, and its store hours are now Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or visit them online at www.bostonconsign.com.

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City offers tips for keeping rats at bay

By Times staff

Rats are an unfortunate reality of city living, and to that end, the Environmental Sanitation Department has some tips from keeping rodents and pests at bay.

Besides keeping your living space clean, other suggestions include sealing all holes around pipes, heating ducts and under cabinets; cleaning all hidden areas under stoves and refrigerators on a regular basis; keeping your yard clean and cutting the grass; storing garbage in metal or heavy plastic containers with tight fitting lids; and removing weeds and debris near buildings and in yards.

Moreover, don't leave pet food

outside; place bird food in a feeder, not on the ground, and clean up spillage daily; clean up animal waste frequently; hire a licensed, insured pest control company familiar with IPM (Integrated Pest Management) techniques; be sure to seal any openings to the house, even above ground level; and repair any breaks in the sewer line connecting your home with the main sewer system.

The Norway Rat (*Rattus Norvegicus*) is the most common rat in the North East Region, according to the city's Environmental Sanitation Department, and they generally live for one year at which time they can have six to 12 "pups" per

litter, up to seven times a year.

Rats typically burrow in the ground, under buildings and rubbish, and usually living well within 150 feet of food and water source.

The city's Environmental Sanitation Department conducts inspections to make sure there is no rodent infestation present on a property by filing pest management reports; educating residents about mosquitoes and rodents; permitting and reviewing construction plans; and conducting baiting and trapping each season.

Visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/inspectional-services/dealing-pests-and-rodents> for more information.

Criminal defense attorney charged with rape

A longtime criminal defense attorney who once worked as a prosecutor will remain held on a new rape charge while awaiting a dangerousness hearing, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins said.

GARY ZEROLA, 49, of Salem, was arraigned in the Central Division of the Boston Municipal Court on charges of rape and breaking and entering with felony intent. At the request of Assistant District Attorney Ian Polumbaum, Judge Mark Hart Summerville ordered Mr. Zerola held without bail pending the outcome of a hearing scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021.

Mr. Zerola is already facing charges in Suffolk Superior Court for the alleged rape of a different woman in 2016, and had posted \$10,000 bail in that case.

In the new case, Polumbaum told the court that the victim had met Mr. Zerola at a gathering on

January 11, 2021, after which he and a mutual acquaintance accompanied the victim to her apartment. In the early morning hours of January 12, 2021, Mr. Zerola allegedly entered the victim's residence without her permission and she awoke to find him sexually assaulting her.

Boston police obtained a warrant for Mr. Zerola's arrest on Tuesday, and he surrendered to police earlier today.

Mr. Zerola worked as an assistant district attorney in Essex County for one year, and in Suffolk County for two months in 2000.

"These allegations are deeply troubling. What's worse, the offense for which Mr. Zerola was arraigned today is alleged to have occurred while he was out on bail in a prior sexual assault case," District Attorney Rollins said. "My office is here to provide services to the survivors of sexual

assault, including and up to prosecution of the offender. We will always provide survivors with a culturally competent, victim-centered environment to receive support and referrals to other service providers."

Sexual assault can happen to anyone. While the victims of any crime are asked to call 911 in an emergency, survivors of sexual violence can also call their local rape crisis center for free and confidential services and to discuss their options. Support is available for all survivors of sexual violence, regardless of whether they wish to take part in a criminal prosecution. Services by city and town can be found at www.janedoe.org/find_help/search.

Kate Lagana is the assigned Victim Witness Advocate. Mr. Zerola was represented today by Attorney Joseph Krowski. He returns to court January 21, 2021.

RENTALS (from pg. 1)

Boston's rental market hinges largely on students, and "a lot of students are now studying remotely or at their parent's house, or they're not coming back to Boston, especially international students," said Natoli, who grew up on Beacon Hill and now lives on River Street.

"They're doing anything to get out of their leases," he added.

Another factor that accounts for the drop in rental prices on Beacon Hill, Natoli said, is that many people who had intended to relocate to Boston for work were left limbo when the pandemic struck and their employers mulled over whether to open their offices back up, or to have them work remotely instead.

In response, Natoli said, "Landlords keep slashing prices until something sticks."

Some are also offering incentives to tenants they would never have considered pre-COVID, like allowing pets or paying the broker's fees themselves, and Natoli anticipates that tenants will expect this leniency from landlords as a given going forward.

The market on Beacon Hill seems to have been on an upswing for about the past month, however, Natoli said, with many inquiries coming from people whose relocation plans had been postponed due to the coronavirus moving here now for work.

Beacon Hill has also historically been one of the city's most desir-

able neighborhoods to live in, and Natoli believes that too will help drive the recovery of the neighborhood's rental market.

Moreover, Boston's rental market on the whole is in "good shape," Natoli said, because of the two "pillars" that the city are built on — education and healthcare.

"I expect the demand for apartments rentals will rebound simultaneously as more people return to the office," Natoli said. "I don't have a crystal ball, but by this summer, we hope to see the trend return to more traditional prices like we've seen in the past."

William Natoli can be reached via email at william.natoli@compass.com.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ABLANG NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Curry College is proud to announce that Cher Ablang of Boston has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. Ablang majoring in Nursing, is among the roughly 1,000 students that have received the distinction, a marker of academic excellence and high achievement.

To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher.

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State DPD reports first confirmed case of COVID-19 variant

Officials from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on January 17 announced that the first case of the COVID-19 variant B.1.1.7 has been detected in Massachusetts, coming from a Boston woman who had travelled to the United Kingdom.

This is the same variant initially discovered in the United Kingdom.

The individual developed symptoms in early January and tested positive for COVID-19. A genetic sample was sent to an out-of-state laboratory as part of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) established surveillance process to identify COVID-19 variants. The State Public Health Laboratory was notified last evening of the results.

The individual is a Boston resident, a female in her 20s. She had traveled to the United Kingdom and became ill the day after she returned. She had tested negative prior to leaving the UK. The individual was interviewed by contact tracers at the time the initial positive result was received, and close contacts were identified. She

is being re-interviewed by public health officials now that the variant has been identified as the cause of illness.

Surveillance testing for the B.1.1.7 variant has been ongoing at the Massachusetts State Public Health Laboratory in collaboration with clinical diagnostic laboratories and academic partners. Surveillance consists of genomic sequencing on portions of COVID-19 positive specimens.

To date, the CDC has reported 88 cases from 14 states in the United States.

Given the increased transmissibility of this variant and the number of states and other countries that have found infected cases, the Department expected the variant to arrive in Massachusetts eventually. The public health risk-reduction measures remain the same. Individuals must continue to wear masks or face coverings while out in public, maintain 6-foot social distancing, stay home when you are sick, and get tested if you have symptoms or are identified as a close contact.



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Walsh celebrates passage of legislation to support creation of affordable housing

Mayor Martin J. Walsh last week celebrated the passage of legislation that will provide the City of Boston with more flexibility to leverage the strong development market to fund affordable housing and workforce training programs.

Originally introduced by the Mayor as a Home Rule Petition in January 2019, he signed "An Act to Further Leverage Commercial Development to Build Housing, Create Jobs, and Preserve Inclusionary Development" with the support of the City Council in September 2019, and the legislation was sponsored by Representative Kevin Honan at the State House. The legislation was signed by Governor Baker on Thursday, January 14, 2021.

"In Boston we will continue to use every tool that we have to make sure that Boston's strong growth is reaching all of our residents by creating affordable housing and investing in workforce training," said Mayor Walsh. "This historic legislation will strengthen Boston's Inclusionary Development Policy and linkage program, and allow us to continue to leverage millions of dollars in funding for programs that positively impact the lives of Boston's residents. I thank the many advocates, the Boston City Council, and the Legislature for helping us reach this milestone."

In December 2019, the Mayor testified at the State House alongside residents and workers in support of the legislation.

"This is an incredible opportunity to step up on the production of affordable housing in our City and meet the challenges that have been underscored by the pandemic," said Vanessa Calderon-Rosado, CEO, Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA). "I'm grateful to the Mayor for his leadership in keeping this measure front and center, and to the State legislature and Governor Baker for taking it through to the finish line."

•Linkage Updates

Boston's Linkage program provides funding for affordable housing and workforce training through payments by large-scale commercial real estate development. While previously, the Boston

Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) was only allowed to adjust Linkage every three years based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the new law will allow Boston to adjust the required payment and program guidelines, including annual adjustments, allowing for Linkage to be more closely aligned with the market and offering additional opportunities for the creation of affordable housing and workforce development.

Currently, commercial developments over 100,000 square feet pay \$10.81 per square foot, of which \$9.03 is for housing and \$1.78 is for jobs Linkage. The money collected is made available through competitive funding rounds administered by the Neighborhood Housing Trust and the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development.

Since 2014, new development has generated over \$80 million in linkage to support affordable housing and job training, and provided industry-recognized job training to over 2,000 Boston residents annually. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Neighborhood Jobs Trust has dedicated \$2.4 million to emergency supports for workforce and education programs, as well as specialized job training for workers preparing to enter the IT/tech industry.

Since inception in 1986, linkage has produced more than \$200 million for affordable housing and workforce training.

•Inclusionary Development Policy Updates

The new law will also allow Boston to codify its Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) into the Boston Zoning Code. Under the current policy, IDP requires that developers of buildings with 10 or more units seeking zoning relief or building on City of Boston-owned

land set aside a percentage of their on-site units as income-restricted, create off-site income-restricted units, or make a payment to the IDP fund.

As the BPDA completes comprehensive planning in Boston's neighborhoods and updates Boston's existing zoning, more market-rate residential projects may become 'as of right' and be exempt from IDP requirements. The legislation would allow Boston to strengthen its IDP as a strategy to capture affordable housing units and funding from projects which are zoning compliant, expanding the work under Mayor Walsh to create and preserve Boston's affordable housing.

The IDP has led to the creation of 2,917 units of stable, income-restricted housing, and \$89.2 million in contributions to the IDP Fund since its inception in 2000. When combined with other affordable housing resources, the IDP has supported the completion or preservation of 1,847 additional units of income-restricted housing. In total, 4,764 income-restricted units have been created through the IDP.

Under Mayor Walsh, the BPDA is leading an unprecedented number of planning studies, each guided by Imagine Boston 2030 the first city-wide master plan in 50 years aimed at guiding growth.

In 2020 alone, new development approved by BPDA is generating 2,826 income-restricted units, over \$5.4 million in new Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) funds, over \$43.2 million in Linkage fees to support affordable housing, and over \$8.5 million in Linkage fees to support job training programs. This legislation will allow the BPDA to further leverage development to increase these streams of funding.

COVID (from pg. 1)

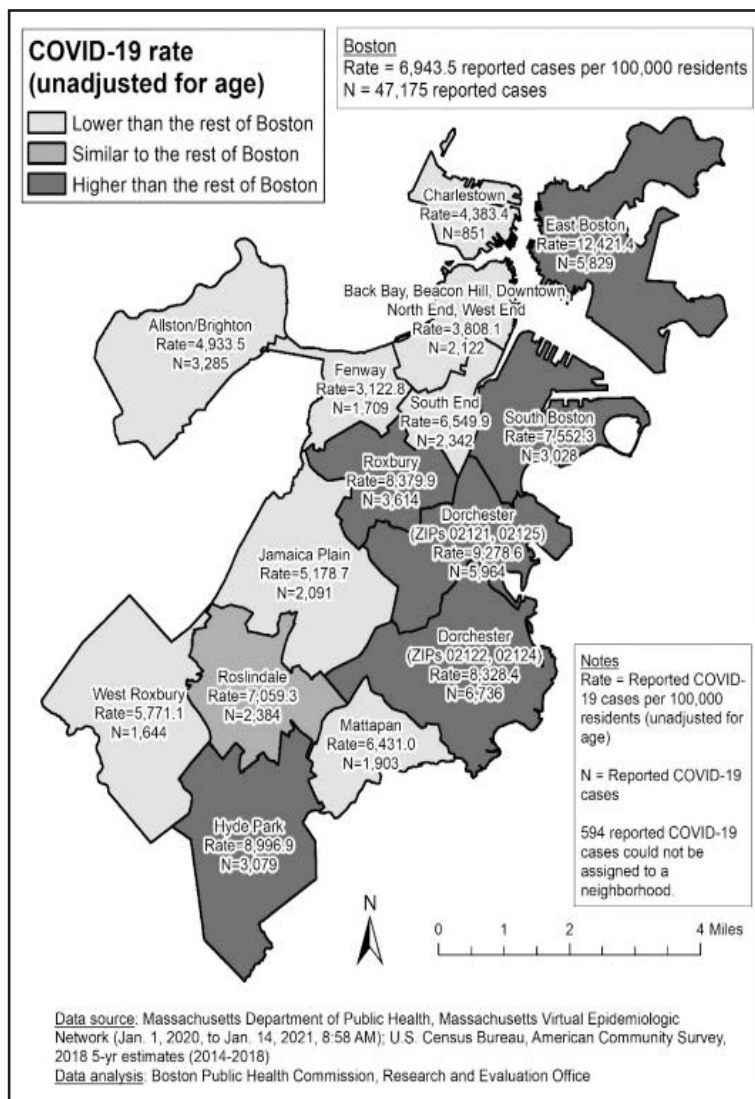
Bay, North End, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 380.8 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 349 cases per 10,000 residents.

One hundred seventy-seven additional residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from 1,945 cases to 2,122 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down

the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 3.2 percent percent last week and went from 47,607 cases to 49,137 confirmed cases in a week. Fifty more Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,102 total deaths in the city from COVID.



On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.

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GAS LAMPS (from pg. 1)

status of the gas lamps on Beacon Hill. The surveyors found there were 1,028 gas lamps within the borders of Beacon Hill.

The survey results were as follows: out of 1,028 gas lamps present on Beacon Hill, 127 do not work at all, and give off no light whatsoever. These included one gas lamp that was missing its entire gas poles, and one that was missing its entire top section. A total of 901 gas lamps were working to one degree or another: 488 were entirely working; and while 413 other gas lamps were working to some degree, they were also otherwise damaged in some way, such as having missing or torn gas mantles - the three small bags in the top portion of the gas lamps that hold the burning gas - or the glass in the top portion of the gas lamps was broken.

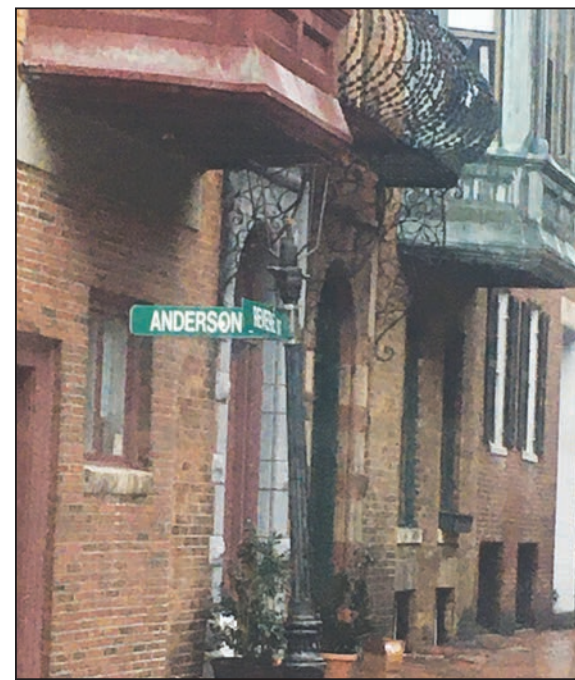
Whitney stated that the survey project was a great success, and that the BHCA learned a great deal about the condition of the gas lamps on Beacon Hill. "One very interesting fact was that we learned that 12.3 percent of all the gas lamps on Beacon Hill

aren't working at all; and another 40.3 percent of all the Beacon Hill gas lamps are damaged in one way or another. That means that only 47.4 percent of all the gas lamps on Beacon Hill are fully functioning and not damaged in some way." Whitney stated that the BHCA had shared the detailed information that the survey had generated with the City, including a spreadsheet that sets forth the street location and GPS coordinates of every damaged and non-working gas lamp on Beacon Hill.

"We are hoping to work closely with Chris Osgood, Chief of Streets, Transportation and Sanitation and Chris Cook, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space for the City of Boston, to get every single gas lamp on Beacon Hill repaired and in complete working order as soon as possible," Whitney said. "It is a matter of public safety that we have all the neighborhood's gas lamps working well and providing light to each and every street on Beacon Hill."



Damaged gas lamp on Phillips Street.



Damaged gas lamp at the corner of Anderson and Revere streets.



Gas Lamp Survey Team Members seen working (from left to right): Caroline Hanlon, Urmila Suresh, Geneve Lau, and Shamile Aldossary.

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Beacon Hill Seminars hosts its 20th academic year anniversary spring semester kick-off

By Amy Tsurumi

Beacon Hill Seminars (BHS) members joined the spring semester kick-off for its 20th anniversary academic year, on January 6. Continuing the success of its first virtual semester kick-off in the fall, this Zoom event drew about a hundred viewers, roughly half of BHS's membership. President William Sherdan gave an opening speech to provide the overview of the 18 online courses in art and architecture, film and music, history, literature, science and social science offered in the spring semester. There will be ten courses in the 'early' block of the semester, from February 1 to March 15, and eight in the 'late' block from March 29 to May 26. Sherdan explained that none of the class sessions overlap, making it easier for members to schedule in multiple different courses. "We are confident that we can keep on offering online courses until we can safely return to our traditional in-person meetings," said Sherdan, alluding to the achievement of having effectively ran the first virtual semester in the fall. Then, the instructors for the eighteen courses gave short presentations to introduce the content of the upcoming semester.

The event ended with a description of the course registration process and Q&A session led by Judy Tedeschi, the Executive Director of the organization. She explained that the membership fee was reduced significantly this year and that the registration deadline is January 10th. With the one-time



BHS Executive Director Judy Tedeschi.

membership fee of \$100 for the academic year and a \$100 registration fee each semester, members can register for up to four courses per semester, giving them ample opportunities to learn. Tedeschi also mentioned that hands-on Zoom training sessions are offered from January 25 to the 27 to allow members to become comfortable with taking online courses before the semester starts. Members enjoyed learning about the upcoming spring semester and opportunities to ask questions.

BHS is a membership organization established in 2000, aimed at creating a community-based program for lifelong learning. Various liberal arts college-style courses encompassing a wide range of disciplines are offered in the fall and spring semesters. To watch the recording of the spring semester kick-off event, and to learn more about BHS and courses offered, visit beaconhillseminars.org.

18 ONLINE COURSES

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President William Sherdan gives an overview of the 18 online courses.

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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK

BAKER SIGNS SAFE PATIENT ACCESS TO EMERGENCY CARE ACT

On Friday, Gov. Charles Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito participated in a ceremonial signing of S.2931, An Act to ensure safe patient access to emergency care.

Named in memory of Laura Levis, Baker and Polito were also joined by Laura's husband, Pete DeMarco, members of her family, and Sen. Pat Jehlen.

"I signed 'Laura's Law' to safeguard against future tragedies occurring just steps away from hospital emergency departments," said Baker. "In the wake of her tragic passing, Laura's husband, Pete, undertook an exhaustive effort to honor her legacy and protect others from similar fates. After months of collaboration and hard work with legislators, including Senator Jehlen and Representative Barber, I am proud to sign Laura's Law and celebrate her memory in a meaningful way."

The new law would implement minimum criteria and standards that ensure safe, timely and accessible patient access to the entrances of Massachusetts hospital emergency departments. These regulations will require that entries must be clearly marked, easily accessible and properly monitored by security when appropriate. Additionally, the Department of Public Health



Gov. Charles Baker in a ceremonial signing of S.2931, An Act to ensure safe patient access to emergency care.

will convene a working group on patient access to hospital emergency rooms or departments to report on and make recommendations to inform these policies. In 2016, Laura Levis died of an asthma attack outside of an area hospital

when she was unable to locate an accessible entrance to the emergency room.

STATE AWARDS ANOTHER \$78.5 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO BUSINESSES

The Baker-Polito Administration announced \$78.5 million in awards last week to 1,595 additional small businesses in the third round of grants through the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program administered by the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation.

To date, the Administration has awarded close to \$195 million in direct financial support to 4,119 small businesses out of a \$668 million fund set up to support small businesses across the Commonwealth.

Additional grants will be announced in the coming weeks for thousands of additional businesses.

"Understanding how significant the need for financial assistance is, we've taken important steps to ensure these resources are directed toward the businesses that have historically been at a disadvantage even before the pandemic, or are located in communities, especially Gateway Cities, that have suffered disproportionately because of this virus," said Lt.

Gov. Karyn Polito. "I'm grateful for the partnership with MGCC to provide this important assistance, and I look forward to the coming weeks when we can award even more support for the economic sectors that are most in need."

Representing key industries that have been especially impacted during the pandemic, restaurants and bars, personal care, retail, and health care businesses received the highest number of individual grants this round. These industries have been particularly hard hit during the pandemic. Other grant recipients include women owned businesses, businesses in Gateway Cities, businesses in underserved markets and businesses that have previously received no other forms of financial assistance.

The new Grant Program Application Deadline was Friday night, Jan. 15.

BAKER-POLITO ADMINISTRATION RE-FILES UNEMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION

The Baker-Polito Administration re-filed unemployment insurance legislation initially filed last month. The Governor's legislation aims to sustain unemployment benefits and provide an estimated \$1.3 billion in unemployment insurance relief to the Commonwealth's employers over two years.

In addition to a two-year unemployment insurance tax schedule freeze, the legislation also proposes financing measures designed to ensure the solvency of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and that federal borrowing that has occurred is repaid in a responsible and affordable manner.

The main provisions of this legislation include:

1. Short Term Employer Tax Relief through a two-year tax schedule freeze. Current Massachusetts unemployment legislative statute requires the employer tax schedule to increase from schedule E to schedule G. This would cause an average per employee tax increase from \$539 to \$866 – a nearly 60-percent increase over the previous year. Remaining on schedule E for 2021 and 2022 slows annual employer contribution growth from \$539 average per employee costs in 2020 to \$635 in 2021 and \$665 in 2022.

2. Authorization for the issuance of special obligation bonds for the purposes of repaying federal advances. In order to fund the unprecedented increases in demand on the unemployment system in Massachusetts as a result of COVID-19, the Commonwealth has received federal cash advances. Through the issuance of bonds, the Commonwealth will be able to ensure positive trust fund solvency to enable the continued payment of benefits. The utilization of capital markets also allows Massachusetts to avoid paying punitive federal tax increases on employers regardless of their experience rating if federal advances are not repaid by November of 2022. Bonds issued will be supported by an unemployment obligation assessment and will not be general obligations of the Commonwealth.

3. Establishes an employer surcharge on contributory employers. In 2020 all federal advances taken to pay benefits are interest free. However, interest on federal advances will begin to be charged beginning in January of 2021. The first interest payment is due in the Fall of 2021 and it cannot be paid from the state unemployment trust fund, per federal law. To fund interest payments on repayable advances, the legislation also establishes a separate fund to house surcharge proceeds. The passage of this provision authorizes the Department of Unemployment Assistance to make this assessment but does not require the surcharge if interest is waived through future federal legislation.

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Brady, Darren	Yuksel, Kaan	36 Myrtle St #8	\$690,000
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Ganiats, Ronald A	Beacon Hl Housewrights	54 Pinckney St	\$5,557,500
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Simpson, Grant	Bittorf Lissy RT	45 Church St #2	\$950,000
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Annino, Stephen J	Connolly, John M	400 Stuart St #15A	\$2,195,000
Buytaeret, Dries	Newt LLC	11-13 Claremont Park #PH	\$4,150,000
Platt, William A	Fu, Daniel X	21 Dwight St #1	\$2,350,000
Cahill, Matthew A	Loder, Jason	85 E Brookline St #1	\$552,000
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Annino, Stephen J	Connolly, John M	400 Stuart St #15A	\$2,195,000
Johnson, Brad A	10 Symphony LLC	50 Symphony Rd #303	\$1,325,000
Banani, Darius	130 West Newton Street	130 W Newton St #2	\$850,000
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Hall, John C	Takvorian, Katherine S	61 Worcester St #1	\$1,540,000
Vercollone, Joanne C	Mairs, Kimberly A	40 Battery St #606	\$2,600,000
Shi, Dai	54 Beach Road RT	54 Beach St #B	\$560,000
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Ali, Komeily M	Thomas, Lindsay	90 Commercial St #1B	\$630,000
Devonshire St 201 LLC	185 Devonshire Street	185 Devonshire St #201	\$1,000,000
Kristen L Coghlin T	Wolosz, Justin	120 Fulton St #2B	\$825,000
Funda, Nura	1 Nassau St Unit 1909	1 Nassau St #1909	\$1,225,000
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Attention to Detail

By Penny Cherubino

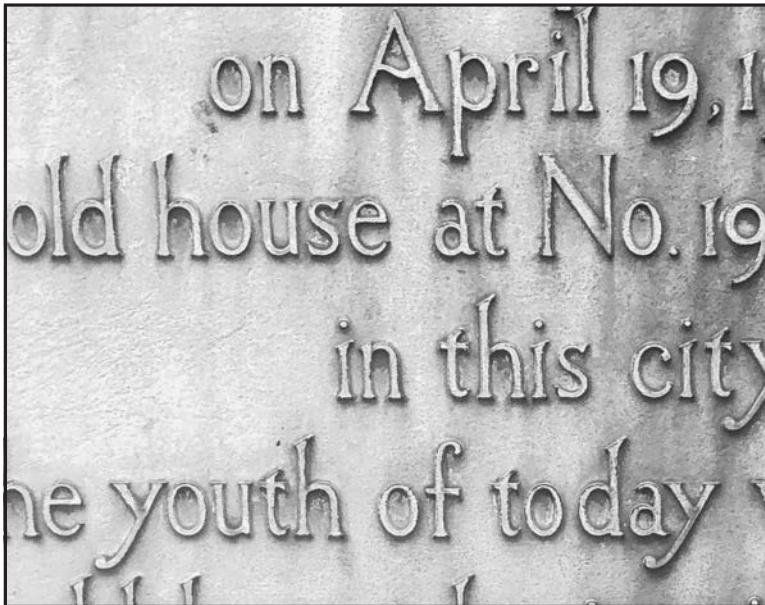
THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The doors and windows in the last clue are from a 1930 photo of 63-65 Chestnut Street. Take a walk by the building today with this copy of the paper and see how many changes you can find from today's answer. (Photo from the Boston Public Library collection.)

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THIS WEEK'S CLUE

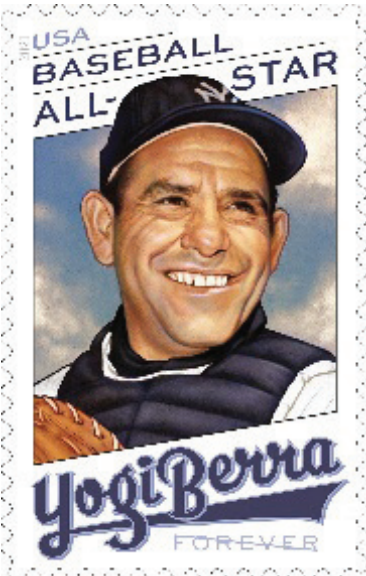


'It Ain't Over Til It's Over': Baseball legend Yogi Berra appearing on upcoming stamps

Major League Baseball All-Star Yogi Berra was widely known for his colorful comments. Now, he receives a new distinction as the U.S. Postal Service announces several additional stamps to be issued in 2021 featuring him, science fiction and fantasy author Ursula K. Le Guin and artist Emilio Sanchez. Additionally, the Postal Service commemorates sun science and tap dance and issues a new 2021 postcard featuring an illustration of a mallard drake.

All stamp designs are preliminary and subject to change. Additional details, including issue dates, will be announced later.

•Yogi Berra
Honoring Yogi Berra (1925-2015), this stamp salutes one of the best and most celebrated baseball players of his era, winning a record 10 World Series with the New York Yankees. The stamp art is an original digital portrait of Berra dressed in his Yankees cap, pinstripes and catcher's chest protector. Considered the best catcher in the American League in the 1950s, he was also a feared hitter, and in 1972 was inducted into the



Major League Baseball All-Star Yogi Berra will have a stamp.

National Baseball Hall of Fame. Antonio Alcalá was the art director and stamp designer. Charles Chaisson was the artist. The "Yogi Berra" lettering was created by Michael Doret.

•Ursula K. Le Guin
The 33rd stamp in the Literary Arts series honors Ursula K. Le

Guin (1929-2018), who expanded the scope of literature through novels and short stories that increased critical and popular appreciation of science fiction and fantasy. The stamp features a portrait of Le Guin based on a 2006 photograph. The background shows a scene from her landmark 1969 novel "The Left Hand of Darkness," in which an envoy from Earth named Genly Ai escapes from a prison camp across the wintry planet of Gethen with Estraven, a disgraced Gethenian politician. The artist for this stamp was Donato Giancola. The art director was Antonio Alcalá. The words "three ounce" on this stamp indicate its usage value. Like a Forever stamp, this stamp will always be valid for the value printed on it.

•Emilio Sanchez
The art of Emilio Sanchez (1921-1999) is celebrated with four new stamps featuring his colorful architectural lithographs and paintings: "Los Toldos" (1973), "Ty's Place" (1976), "En el Souk" (1972) and Untitled (Ventanita entreabierta) (1981). Sanchez explored the effects of light

and shadow to emphasize the abstract geometry of his subjects. His artwork encompasses his Cuban heritage as well as his long life in New York City. Antonio Alcalá served as art director and designer for this pane of 20 stamps.

•Sun Science
These 10 new stamps in a pane of 20 highlight stunning images of the sun that celebrate the science behind the ongoing exploration of our nearest star. The striking colors do not represent the actual colors of the sun as perceived by human eyesight. Instead, each image is colorized by NASA according to different wavelengths that reveal or highlight specific features of the sun's activity. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamps with digital images from NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory, a spacecraft launched in February 2010 to keep constant watch on the sun from geosynchronous orbit over the craft's ground station in New Mexico.

•Tap Dance
Celebrating tap dancing as a uniquely American contribution to

world dance, these five stamps feature photographs of different tap dancers performing against brightly colored backgrounds that highlight their form and movement. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamps with photographs by Matthew Murphy.

•Mallard
This new stamped card for 2021 features an illustration of a mallard drake (Anas platyrhynchos) from preexisting artwork by illustrator and designer Dugald Stermer (1936-2011). The full-body, left-facing profile was created in pencil and watercolor. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamped card.

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Subject of the hearing will be applications for Certificates of Design Approval on the agenda below, reviews of architectural violations, and such businesses as may come before the commission, in accordance with Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1955 of the Massachusetts General Law as amended. Applications are available for review during business hours at the office of the Environment Department. Applicants or their representatives are required to attend, unless indicated otherwise below. Sign language interpreters are available upon request.

ATTENTION: This hearing will only be held virtually and NOT in person. You can participate in this hearing by going to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86187031432> or calling 1 (929) 205-6099 and entering meeting id # 861 8703 1432. You can also submit written comments or questions to BeaconHillAC@boston.gov or via Twitter @bostonlandmarks

I. Design Review Hearing
APP # 21.0383 BH 74 Beacon Street

Applicant: Mike Carey; KMC Builders

Proposed Work: Remove exist-

ing roof deck and rail, repair roof-top pool leak, reinstall roof deck in kind

APP # 21.0475 BH 69 Hancock Street

Applicant: Lisa Jessogne
Proposed Work: Install shutters to front façade.

APP # 21.0557 BH 31 Mount Vernon Street

Applicant: Curtis Huttenhower
Proposed Work: Install metal horizontal structural support at lower portion of the door.

APP # 21.0558 BH 4-5 Byron Street

Applicant: John Holland
Proposed Work: Demolish and rebuild elevator head house.

APP # 21.0559 BH 20 Chestnut Street

Applicant: Frank McGuire
Proposed Work: At rear façade visible from Beacon Street, replace skylight in kind, build a new shed dormer (See Additional Items Under Administrative Review)

APP # 21.0560 BH 83 Phillips Street

Applicant: Harry Dileo
Proposed Work: At roof level, increase the height of the head house, reclad headhouse, new seating, wall sconce, pergola,

APP # 21.0561 BH 64 West Cedar Street

Applicant: Keith Lattuca
Proposed Work: At roof level, Rebuild roof deck.

II. Administrative Review/

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

Applicants whose projects are listed under this heading NEED NOT APPEAR at the hearing. Following the hearing, you will be issued a Determination Sheet to present at the Inspectional Services Department (1010 Massachusetts Avenue) as proof of project approval when applying for permits. ISD personnel will send an electronic copy of your building-permit application to the commission staff for review. (To avoid potential confusion, the text of your building-permit application should be consistent with the project description given below.) Commission staff will accordingly authorize the execution of the work, attaching any applicable provisos, reflecting the relevant guidelines and precedents.

Please Note That Following Issuance Of The Determination Sheet No Further Correspondence

Will Be Issued For The Applications Listed Below. The electronic building-permit application as annotated by commission staff will constitute your Certificate of Appropriateness; this will be valid for one year from the date of the hearing. The applicant is required to notify the commission of any project changes; failure to do so may affect the status of the approval.

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

APP # 21.0562 BH 19 Revere Street At front and side façade, level 1, replace eight aluminum clad, 1 over 1 windows, with wood 1 over 1 windows.

APP # 21.0563 BH 32-34 Hancock Street At rear façade, spot repoint brick, replace all cracked lintels in kind.

APP # 21.0564 BH 42 Irving Street At front façade garden level, replace one non-original, 6 over 6, true divided light wood, window with one, 6 over 6, wood, true divided light, window.

APP # 21.0565 BH 63 Chestnut Street At Charles Street façade, install two Provia storm windows as indicated on the application.

APP # 21.0566 BH 140 Mount Vernon Street At Mount Vernon Street façade, top floor, replace five, 6 over 6, wood windows with

five, 6 over 6, true divided light, wood windows.

APP # 21.0567 BH 20 REVERE STREET At street level, install a tree guard using the specifications established by the Commission as well as the Beacon Hill Civic Association.

APP # 21.0 568 BH 22 Irving Street At front façade, level three, replace four, 2 over 2, true divided light, aluminum clad windows with four, 2 over 2, wood, true divided light windows (at the recommendation of the Commission at the 11-2020 hearing).

APP # 21.0559 BH 20 Chestnut Street At front façade, dormer level, replace 2 vinyl 6 over 6 windows with two, wood, 6 over 6, wood windows with true divided lights, replace rear shingles in kind, repaint/repair metal rail in kind, (See Additional Items Under Design Review).

III. Ratification Of 12/17/2020 Public Hearing Minutes

Iv. Staff Updates

V. Projected Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

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Larceny

01/3/21 – A Cambridge Street liquor store reported a male suspect stole a bottle of wine and fled on foot at about 5:31 p.m. The store clerk stated the suspect acted very aggressively towards her and demanded a bottle from a locked cabinet. After the victim opened

the cabinet, the suspect grabbed the bottle and then pushed the victim into the cabinet, knocking her down and causing her to hit her head. Paramedics responded to the scene and treated the victim, who refused transport to Mass General Hospital. Video footage of the incident was made available to police.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

NHM PRESENTS 'POLLY THAYER STARR: NEARER THE ESSENCE' LECTURE

The Nichols House Museum presents its virtual Patron Mem-

ber Lecture called "Polly Thayer Starr: Nearer the Essence," with Christie Jackson, senior curator at the trustees of reservations, on Monday, Jan. 25 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
A GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT
TO G.L. c. 190B,
§5-304
Docket No.
SU20P0010GD

In the matter of:
Charles Spaneas
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated
Person
Of: Boston, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Charles Spaneas is in need of

a Guardian and requesting that Leah Weinrick, Esq. of Gloucester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/11/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken

in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 06, 2121
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Local honey

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The need to restock our supply of local honey caused us to make both our first and last visit to a local farmers market during 2020. The jars in our pantry had dwindled down to one. That led us to take a walk to the market and see if we felt shopping there could be safe, if Foppema's Farm was there, and if they had a supply of our favorite honey. With positive answers to all our concerns, we were soon resupplied.

Over the years, honey has become our sweetener of choice for many reasons. The local honey we buy is less processed. Buying honey from a local orchard is another way of supporting the local foodshed and has a lighter environmental footprint. Most of all, we prefer the taste.

If you would like to take a deep

dive into understanding honey, we recommend reading the chapter on it in "On Food and Cooking: The Science and Lore of the Kitchen" by Harold McGee. He scans 10,000 years of honey history, explains honey creation from the bee gathering nectar, the beekeeper's care of the hives, and processing the product. In his best scientific mindset, he clarifies the differences between honey and other sweeteners.

He explains why honey can be a better choice for baking. "It can be substituted for sugar—1 measure of honey is considered the sweetening equivalent of 1.25–1.5 measures of sugar, although the amount of added liquid must be decreased because honey does contain some water. Because it is more hygroscopic, or water attracting, than table sugar, honey will keep breads and cakes moister than sugar will, losing water to the air more slowly, and even absorbing it on humid days. Thanks to its antioxidant phenolic compounds, it slows the development of stale flavors in baked goods..."

Crystallized Honey

Some people wonder if crystallized honey is safe to eat. It is. Crystallization is a sign that your honey is not only safe, but also has not had some of its flavor

and goodness removed. Solidified honey will quickly liquify when you spread it on toast or spoon it into a hot cup of tea. If you're mixing it into a cold drink, just melt a bit in hot water or microwave just as much as you plan to use. But, leave your main supply in its unadulterated crystallized form.

Honey Is Not for Everyone

The website Healthline.com has warned, "Note that you should not give honey to children under the age of 1. This is because raw, unprocessed honey has a risk for botulism in infants. Also, some people who have a severe allergy to pollen can experience a serious allergic reaction known as anaphylaxis after eating honey. This can cause extreme difficulty breathing. Others may experience allergic reactions such as itching or swelling of the mouth, throat, or skin."

Fortunately, we've had only positive results from adding honey to our diet. Friends, knowing we are big honey fans and wanting to keep us supplied, have added new samples of local honey to our pantry. All of them are hits with us.

However, our final visit to our local farmers market last fall was to buy a few extra jars to tuck away for the winter. While we are extremely happy that this area has



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more and more choices for local honey, we wanted to have plenty of our favorite on hand.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

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