



# THE BEACON HILL TIMES

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## Mayoral hopefuls turn out for Downtown Neighborhoods Candidates Forum

By Dan Murphy

Candidates vying to become the city's next mayor were on hand for a virtual Downtown Neighborhoods Mayoral Candidates Forum on Tuesday, June 22, to discuss how, if elected, they would handle some of the most pressing issues now facing Boston.

John Barros, who served as Chief of Economic Development under former Mayor Martin Walsh; District 4 City Councilor Andrea Campbell; City Councilors at-Large Anissa Essaibi-George and Michelle Wu; and Rep. Jon Santiago Wu took part in the forum, which was sponsored by numerous downtown civic groups, including the Beacon Hill Civic Association, Fenway Civic Association, Neighborhood Association of Back Bay, and West End Civic Association, among other organizations.

Montez Haywood, WECA President, as well as a one-time Boston District 8 City Council candidate, served as the event moderator.

In response to how the candidates would seek to transform the Boston Planning and Development Agency as mayor, Barros said plan-

ning should be driving development in the city, and not vice versa, as is the case today, while Councilor Campbell said that development plans and meeting schedule need to be made more transparent and accessible so citizens don't have to seek them out.

Councilor Campbell also expressed frustration that many projects widely opposed by neighborhood civic groups still get the green light from the city and said she would create a civic engagement officer to help improve communication between the BPDA and the people of Boston.

Councilor Essaibi-George said the BPDA needs to prioritize the "needs and wants" of specific neighborhoods when planning development projects, whereas Rep. Santiago said he would require that developers work with the communities from the "get-go."

Councilor Wu described the BPDA as an "opaque, complex and broken development system," and said that fundamental changes need to be made therein so projects are no longer approved on a one-off basis. Instead, she said, "We need to move Boston to a system

that's predictable with clear rules all around"

On the topic of affordable housing, Councilor Campbell, whose first ordinance was co-sponsoring the city's Community Preservation Act, said she would seek to expand the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) and other tools the city has its disposal to get "creative" and build more affordable and senior housing. Councilor Campbell added she also intends to utilize city-owned parcels for affordable housing purposes.

Barros said he's been committed to the issue of affordable housing for most of his "professional life," both through his work with the city and as executive director of the Dudley Street Initiative, a community-run nonprofit.

While Barros said he was proud he was able to create hundreds of affordable housing units and increase linkage fees through his work with the Walsh Administration, Boston remains too expensive for families to live in, and he said he would do all he could as mayor to help reverse this trend.

Rep. Santiago said Boston needs

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The Charles Street Garage at 144 Charles St., which is now being considered for redevelopment.

## BHAC hears advisory review on Charles St. Garage redevelopment

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission heard tentative plans for the proposed redevelopment of the Charles Street Garage during an advisory review at its June 17 public hearing held via Zoom.

David Hacin, the project architect, told commission members that the applicant intends to transform the four-story garage at 144 Charles St., with retail currently on the ground floor and three levels of parking on the floors above, into a building with office space on the top two floors, parking on the second level and expanded retail opportunities at the street level.

A new lobby would also be created at the street level to accommodate the new office uses, said Hacin, and a roofdeck for the offices is being proposed as part of the project as well. A "green screen" at the rear of the building would support existing vines that

now cover that façade without disrupting the existing masonry, he said.

Additionally, the project proposes infilling some existing windows facing the garden at the south elevation at the behest of neighbors, said Hacin, as well as the addition of new window openings on the north elevation.

Commissioner Martha MacNamara advised Hacin "no new masonry openings is sort of our baseline, so that will have to be a discussion."

Commissioner MacNamara also encouraged the applicant to retain the early 20th-century industrial building and its "industrial aesthetic."

The building, which functioned as a garage and a car showroom in the 1960s, she said, "tells of the story of the automobile and

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## Beacon Hill Sidewalk Sale returns June 25 and 26

By Dan Murphy

A beloved neighborhood tradition returns this weekend when the Beacon Hill Business Association's annual Beacon Hill Sidewalk Sale comes to Charles Street on Friday and Saturday, June 25 and 26, throughout both days.

"We're so happy to be getting back to our highly anticipated annual events," said Lana Barakat, a Business Association board member and owner of December Thieves, a shop at 51 Charles St., as well as its sister store and next-door neighbor, Thieves Next Door at 53 Charles St. "This year is also so special because there are a lot of new businesses on the street so it will be a great opportunity to meet the people behind these new independent shops."

The Sidewalk Sale traditionally takes place on the last weekend of June, but last year it was held



December Thieves staff members Jamesii and Emma are seen in front of the store at 51 Charles St. during the Beacon Hill Sidewalk Sale in 2019.

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25 and 26, instead, due to the pandemic.

"We're back to our regular summer dates as things begin to normalize, said Barakat, "and we look forward to continuing to

plan other neighborhood events to bring everyone together again, especially after the year we just had." In the event of rain, the event will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 9 and 10 instead.

# EDITORIAL

## A LONG, HOT SUMMER?

The images of parched reservoirs in the western part of the country that have been filling the news lately paint a devastating picture of the effects of climate change coupled with the overuse of natural resources.

While it is true that the West has been experiencing drought conditions for the past few years, the reality is that western states have been using far more water than nature is able to provide, even under normal circumstances.

The combination of large-scale farming operations -- which require enormous amounts of water for irrigation -- and the rampant expansion of housing developments into desert areas has created a scenario that is clearly unsustainable for the environment.

Water always has been a precious resource in the West that has been ripe for meddling by politically-connected special interest groups, but in the present situation, with more than 75 percent of the West in extreme drought, there is barely a drop of water for anybody to fight about.

The combination of a lack of moisture on the ground and extreme heat creates a feedback loop that makes for even hotter temperatures and even drier weather, not only affecting water levels in lakes and reservoirs, but making for prime conditions for the wildfires that have been a scourge in the western states for the past few years.

By contrast, the southern coast of the U.S. has a different kind of problem. The warming atmosphere is making our oceans warmer, providing the primary fuel for a different sort of cataclysmic event -- catastrophic hurricanes.

The South was assaulted by a fast-forming tropical storm this past weekend that wreaked havoc in its path with heavy rain and tornadoes. Meteorologists are predicting another active hurricane season that promises to cause billions of dollars of damage, both along the coastline and further inland.

We in the Northeast have been lucky for most of the past decade. Hurricane Sandy occurred in 2012 and we've been fairly fortunate since then. However, if ocean temperatures and sea levels continue to rise, it is only a matter of time before a storm of a magnitude far greater than the fabled Hurricane of 1938 strikes this area.

Bob Dylan wrote that we don't need a weatherman to tell us which way the wind is blowing.

What we are seeing on our TV screens in the South and West is giving us a glimpse of a future dominated by the effects of climate change -- and it isn't pretty.

## Myles' Musings

By Myles Striar

### Truth May Not Make You Free, After All

*Discarding Face Masks oft discloses  
Unattractive chins and noses.*

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## GUEST OP-ED

### Invest in yourself

Dr. Glenn Mollette

The best investment you can make is in yourself.

You can work, invest, save and accumulate wealth but what good is it if you ignore yourself? A friend of mine once said, "If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself."

A sure way to undermine your financial security is to neglect your health. Failing health always results in life insecurity. When your health fails you don't feel like working. You aren't able to enjoy life or take care of others. Whatever you have accumulated financially will go to pay for emergency medical costs, rehabilitation or a nursing home.

A family member was sick years ago and the out of pocket monthly cost for her care was over \$15,000 a month. Obviously, this soon became financially debilitating.

While you are living life, working, going to school, raising your family, enjoying your golden years,

keep this in mind, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

I know there are no silver bullets when it comes to our health. I've had health issues, two cancer procedures and other ailments. I've spent the last 30 years eating grilled chicken and salmon. I've walked, jogged, played sports and lifted weights most all of my life. My doctor told me I have to do more. He literally said, "No red meat, no sugar, no dairy, no fried foods." What is left? He did say I can eat some bison, venison and elk which I have tried and enjoy them all.

My 100-year-old friend who lives close by says she eats a little of everything but very little of everything majoring on vegetables, fruits and staying active. There has to be something to her lifestyle because it works for her. She still lives alone, in her own house and cares for herself. She laughs a lot and has a lot of adoring friends.

So, while you are building your financial security, invest in your health. See your doctor. Have rou-

tine blood tests. Monitor your blood sugar, LDL (bad cholesterol), blood pressure and have an occasional CT or MRI scan to find out what you really look like on the inside. If your doctor finds something then you can tackle what you know about. If you don't know what your enemy is then you can't put up a defense or an offense.

Investing time in taking care of yourself means you can enjoy your life longer. You will be in a better position to help your family or friends, instead of them taking care of you. Keep moving. Take your vitamins, eat as healthy as possible and try. What do you have to lose? Consider, all you might gain.

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## LETTER to the Editor

dards that ensure that the biggest emitters do their part. Please contact your city councilor and support the Green Justice Coalition.

Sharon Malt

### THANK YOU TO CITY COUNCIL

To the Editor

I opened the Boston Globe online today and the first story was about Boston's warming climate and how the insufferable heat impacts are landing disproportionately on low-income communities. The climate situation is tragic, and the burden is hitting our most vulnerable populations first and hardest. The decisions cities make now around tackling climate change really matter. They matter because they can have a material impact on the amount of carbon that will be released in the years ahead and the human suffering that will cause and, importantly, they matter because they provide models that other cities can learn from and adopt. On June 16, our City Council, leading again on climate, unanimously supported a new ordinance that will have a huge impact on carbon emissions in the city of Boston and one that provides a path for other urban areas

to follow. The ordinance is called the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Update, or the BERDO Update. The ordinance establishes emissions performance standards for Boston's largest buildings, setting a path that requires these buildings to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

Cleaning up building emissions really matters. In Boston, buildings account for 70% of all greenhouse gas emissions and these emissions are highly concentrated, with just 4% of buildings accounting for 60% of all building emissions. Getting these large polluters on a path to zero emissions is essential to combating the impacts of climate change. It is also critical for improving Boston's air quality—air pollution has given Boston the 8th highest asthma rate in the country and transitioning buildings away from burning oil and gas will mean healthier air for us all to breathe. The BERDO update sets target emissions goals every five years but allows some flexibility around a building's carbon reduction path and offers support for building owners as they make decisions on how best to decarbonize. It also mandates third party verifi-

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its introduction to Beacon Hill.”

While this appeared on the agenda as an application, Hacin requested the presentation for the proposal be considered an advisory review instead and said he would return to the commission in the near future with a formal, finalized application.

In another matter, the commission voted without prejudice to deny an application for 17 Louisburg Square to make extensive renovations at the front façade, including restoring the front windows to their original configuration and restoring the granite water table at the ground level to its original condition, among other proposed changes.

The homeowner had intended to change the building’s façade to match those of 11 and 13 Louisburg Square, respectively.

The three buildings were once identical in appearance, according to representatives for the homeowner, since in 1907, they were all joined together into one structure that then served as a convent. The buildings underwent another transformation in the early ‘90s when they were converted back into their original iteration as three single-family homes.

William Young, a project consultant, read a letter in support of the application from Patrick Ahearn, the contractor for the ‘90s renovation, stating the homeowner at that time, who was reportedly a speculative developer, had intended to restore the building’s façade to the 1907 conditions, but that plan eventually proved to be cost prohibitive, so he went with the present configuration instead.

Commissioner McNamara, who produced documents from the city’s archives to support her position, countered that regardless of the intent of the ‘90s renovation, the work completed was in compliance with the Certificate of Appropriateness the Architectural Commission issued in 1989, which the commission reaffirmed two years later.

Rather than replicating 11 and 13 Louisburg Square, Commissioner McNamara said the façade of 17 Louisburg Square should instead mirror that of 15 Louisburg Square.

And while the windows might not currently align because of

grade changes, Commissioner McNamara said she is concerned the proposed work would disrupt the “overall rhythm” and “sense of harmony” between the four contiguous buildings between 11 and 17 Louisburg Square.

Commissioners also expressed concern that the proposed work could have a “patchwork effect” on 17 Louisburg Square.

Laura Cousineau, owner of Upstairs Downstairs at 69 Charles St., was back before the commission again with an application for proposed signage for her business.

The wood sign, which would be hung outside the store on existing hangers during business hours, she said, would comprise two elements – a traditional open sign and a second element emblazoned, “New and Old” and Art, Antiques & Home Décor.” The new sign would be crafted to match the store’s main sign and sit below it, she added.

The commission approved the application, with the provisos that the applicant submit shop drawings of the new sign to staff for approval, and that the size of proposed street numbers for the transom be reduced to match the height (approximately 7-8 inches) of other existing street numbers on Charles Street. Shop were also requested of the proposed street numbers for staff.

On an application for 123 Charles St. – the future home of the boutique cat-and-dog store, Paws on Charles – to install new store signage, as well as to replace plywood panels and restore the wooden storefront; to replace the transom window with clear, single-pane safety glass; and to paint the storefront and front doors, the commission approved the requested work as submitted, with the proviso that the front door be painted dark green in kind (instead of semi-gloss black, as was proposed).

The commission also approved as submitted an application for 23 Brimmer St. to replace the rear door and transom light at the rear of the fourth level, with provisos that the door-and-window configuration replicate the one to its north, and that shop drawings be submitted to staff for approval.

On an application to install HVAC equipment at the rear ell of

30 Hancock St., the commission voted to continue its determination and asked the applicant to return to them with a design that drastically reduces the visibility of the units from a public way.

Likewise, the commission voted to continue an application to replace several windows at 46 Beacon St. and asked the applicant to construct mockups showing the chapel-level storm windows, as well as the wood windows at the dining-room level.

Additionally, the commission voted to continue its determination on an application for 39-41 Mount Vernon St. to add six new grates at the lower-level windows to match grates on other existing windows and requested that the applicant return with elevations of the Joy Street façade showing the grates, as well as alternatives.

The commission approved as submitted an applicant for 150 Mount Vernon St. to replace the two front doors, as well as to add a new mail-slot and new hinges, with the provisos that the new doors matches the existing ones as closely as possible (although they can swing in the opposite direction), and that the proposed mail-slot, street numbers, and other door hardware be centered, with shop drawings submitted to staff.

Similarly, the commission approved as submitted an application for 55 Pinckney St. to install a new door and new door hardware, with the provisos that a more traditional lockset, hardware, and street numbers, be used than was proposed, and that the new doorbell be recessed and covered with a brass plate.

On application to replace the head-house and roof-deck at 45 Mount Vernon St., the commission approved the proposed work, with the proviso that the roof-deck railing be pushed back enough that it’s not visible from a public way.

The commission also approved an application for 112 Pinckney St. to install HVAC equipment at the rear of the property, with the provisos that the unit be installed in a designated location that’s not visible from a public way and that a subcommittee be formed to review the matter further.

**RED HAT CLOSING**



One of the oldest bars in Boston, The Red Hat, which opened in 1907 at 9 Bowdoin St. in Scollay Square, will reportedly close after this weekend. Representatives for the longstanding establishment couldn’t be reached for comment by publication time.

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cation of emissions data and sets a price on emitted carbon for buildings that cannot meet the targets.

Earlier this year, Governor Baker signed into law a climate bill requiring Massachusetts to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and to cut our emissions 50% by 2030. With the BERDO update, the Boston City Council is providing a path, and guardrails, to better our chances of getting there.

Thank you to Kenzie Bok, Ed Flynn, Council President Matt O’Malley, and the entire City Council for supporting the BERDO Update and continuing to provide leadership on climate. We look forward to the BERDO Update’s speedy passage and are here to support you.

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Erin Murphy, candidate for City Council (right) shown with a member of the Massachusetts Nurses Association.

## Murphy endorsed by MNA

Erin Murphy, candidate for Boston City Council At-large, was thrilled to announce that she has received the endorsement of the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA), the most powerful and effective voice on nursing and health care in the Commonwealth.

“I’m deeply honored that the Massachusetts Nurses Association has chosen me as their candidate for At-Large City Council,” Murphy said. “Our front-line responders have borne the brunt of this pandemic, and no one should question their commitment, their devotion, and their work ethic. I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with nurses around Boston and across the Commonwealth as they continue to provide life-saving service.”

The MNA told Erin that they are very excited to be working on her campaign to help her get elected to the Council and be a strong voice for all nurses.

Murphy, a longtime teacher in the Boston Public Schools and single mother, is running for an At-Large City Council seat for the same reason she taught Boston’s schoolkids for 22 years: devotion to this city, its children, and our shared future.

“Just like the nurses I’m proud

to have standing with me, I clocked in every day as a mom and as a public school teacher, and I’ll bring the exact same work ethic to the Boston City Council,” Murphy said.

Founded in 1903, the Massachusetts Nursing Association (MNA) is the largest union and professional association of registered nurses and health professionals in the state and the third-largest in the country. The MNA represents more than 23,000 members who work in 85 health care facilities, and a growing number of nurses and health professionals who work in schools, visiting nurse associations, public health departments, and state agencies.

The MNA endorsed Erin’s campaign because its members believe in her vision for Boston: an inclusive, welcoming city for ALL families and in every neighborhood. Erin has laid out a plan to make Boston an affordable place for all families to live and raise their children. Her message has resonated in every neighborhood, and she’s been fortunate to meet supporters across the city.

Erin Murphy is running to be the go-to call at City Hall for everyone in Boston.

# No increase in weekly positive test rate

By John Lynds

There was no increase in last week’s Beacon Hill weekly COVID-19 positive test according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

According to the weekly report released last Friday 998 residents were tested and zero percent were positive. This was a 100 percent decrease from the 0.08 percent of residents that tested positive two weeks ago but still below one percent according to the BPHC.

Overall since the pandemic started 53,736 Beacon Hill, North End, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6.8 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 1.5 percentage decrease from the 6.7 reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate decreased. According to the BPHC 12,562 residents were tested and 0.6 percent were COVID positive--this was a 45 percent increase from the 1.1 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Beacon Hill, North End, Back Bay, West End and Downtown’s infection rate of 632.9 cases per 10,000 residents was the same as reported two weeks ago.

No additional residents were infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area remained at 3,527 cases as of last Friday.

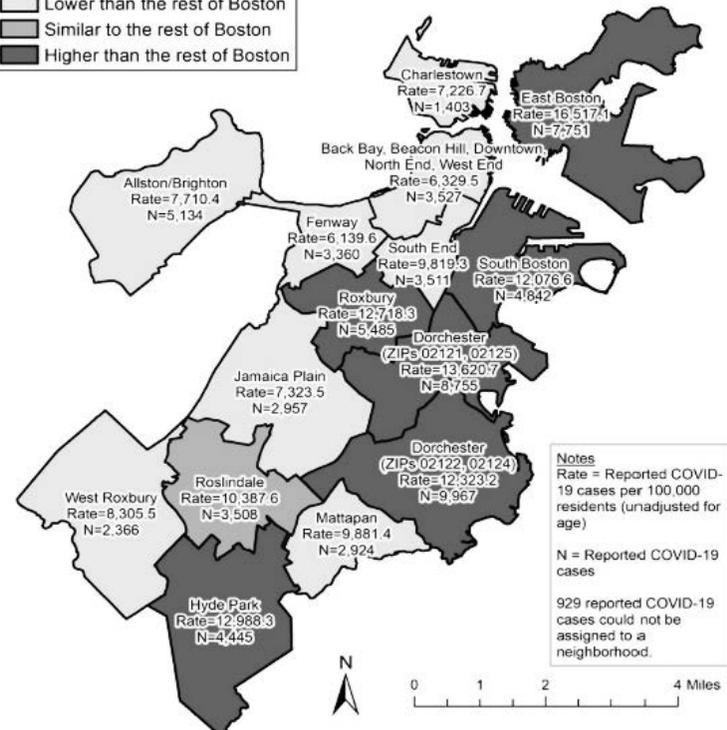
The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.06 percent last week and went from 70,906 cases to 70,957 confirmed cases in a week. Two additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,391 total deaths in the city from COVID.

### COVID-19 rate (unadjusted for age)

- Lower than the rest of Boston
- Similar to the rest of Boston
- Higher than the rest of Boston

**Boston**  
Rate = 10,430.2 reported cases per 100,000 residents  
N = 70,864 reported cases



Data source: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network (Jan. 1, 2020, to June 10, 2021, 9:24 AM); U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018 5-yr estimates (2014-2018)

Data analysis: Boston Public Health Commission, Research and Evaluation Office

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

## Car Heat Dangers

Elapsed Time (minutes)	Outside Air Temperature (°F)					
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0	70	75	80	85	90	95
10	89	94	99	104	109	114
20	99	104	109	114	119	124
30	104	109	114	119	124	129
40	108	113	118	123	128	133
50	111	116	121	126	131	136
60	113	118	123	128	133	138
More than 1 hour	115	120	125	130	135	140



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A drill rig is set up along Charles Street to install a groundwater observation well for the Boston Groundwater Trust. The drill casing is being driven to maintain an open hole and advance the drill to the appropriate depth where the observation well is then set, which is typically to a depth of 15- to 25-feet below the ground surface, according to Christian Simonelli, executive director of the Boston Groundwater Water Trust.

## Charles St. groundwater observation well installed

By Dan Murphy

The Boston Groundwater Trust (BGWT) recently installed a new groundwater-observation well along Charles Street near Tatte Bakery & Café (70 Charles St.).

This was one of new 21 new observation wells included in the latest round of installations city-wide, which brings the total number to around to 800, said

Christian Simonelli, executive director of the BGWT.

The new well on Charles Street brings the total number throughout the Flat (land-filled area) of Beacon Hill to 42, said Simonelli, and is intended to “fill in the gaps on Charles Street and lower Beacon Hill, which are sort of a missing tooth, so to speak.”

The BGWT had originally planned on installing two new wells on Charles Street, said Simonelli, but “dig-safe markings indicated utility interference for the second location.”

Of Beacon Hill, Simonelli said, “We have adequate coverage and are trying fill in the remaining gaps where we can.”

Rob Whitney, co-chair of the Boston Groundwater Trust, as well as chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association board, wrote: “It is great news that new groundwater monitoring wells are being

installed on Charles Street. It is vitally important that the groundwater levels below Charles Street and other low-lying areas of Beacon Hill remain high so that the timber pilings below many of our residential and commercial buildings remain strong and do not rot and become unstable. These new observation wells will help us to better monitor the groundwater levels throughout the neighborhood to keep our buildings and our residents safe.”



The finished product, with a road-way box protecting the BGwT observation well.

## Boston Athenæum receives \$75,000 grant

Special to The Times

The Terra Foundation for American Art has awarded \$75,000 from its Re-envisioning Permanent Collections grant program to the Boston Athenæum. The award will support the reinstallation of artworks on the building’s first floor, which is open to the public.

The Athenæum will reinterpret and reimagine the display of the permanent collections, bringing

forward a diverse selection of artworks including more work by and of women and people of color.

The reinstalled first floor will tell a broader story about American history and the history of art, drawing on the wealth of the Athenæum’s lesser-known, historically significant, and recently acquired holdings. Work under this grant will emphasize three themes: portraiture and visibility; emancipation and abolition; and materiality and race.

“Our collections have been growing from the 19th century to the present. We are eager to apply fresh approaches to their presentation,” said John Buchtel, Curator of Rare Books and Head of Special Collections. “I’m grateful to the Terra Foundation for its support, which will help us showcase more and different works of art, inviting viewers to form new insights.”

For example, the project will reintroduce Bostonians and city visitors to The Freedman, an 1863 statue by John Quincy Adams Ward that was the most famous abolitionist sculpture of its day.

The metal used in the Athenæum’s particularly significant cast includes a fragment of a cannon from Fort Wagner, S.C., where the Black troops of the Massachusetts 54th Regiment fought.

Inspired by the Emancipation Proclamation, the work memorializes the war’s losses while expressing a hopeful future, as a formerly enslaved Black man takes hold of his own destiny.

The Freedman and other compelling art—including light-sensitive works on paper in regularly changing displays—will be placed on public view on the first floor alongside currently displayed works by Polly Thayer Starr, Allan Rohan Crite, John Singer Sargent, and others.

“We look forward to sharing a more expansive view of American art and history across a range of media,” said Leah Rosovsky, Stanford Calderwood Director of the Athenæum. “We want to invite and engage everyone to look at the works in our collections with fresh eyes, as we ourselves are doing, and to ask

questions that will lead to enlightening conversations and greater understanding.”

Assistant Curators Christina Michelon and Virginia Reynolds Badgett, specialists in American art history, will help direct the project, with components includ-

ing community conversations and an academic colloquium. Ongoing curator-led public programming will continue to

highlight and explore the special collections. The Terra-funded work is expected to extend into 2022.

## BEACON HILL BEAT

### From Boston Police Area A-1

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#### \*Threats

6/14/21 - A police report was filed at the front desk of Area A-1 headquarters. The victim said one of her neighbors had been screaming obscenities at her for a long

period of time. The victim stated that this was not the first time that the neighbor has done something like this. Area A-1 detectives are currently investigating the matter.

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# Arlington Street Church resumes tours of its Tiffany stained-glass windows

By Dan Murphy

With regular tours of its 16 Tiffany opalescent stained-glass windows – the largest Tiffany window collection of its kind in any one church – resuming July 1, Arlington Street Church is now seeking volunteer greeters for the program.

Self-guided tours with a smartphone (which guests must provide themselves) are offered Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. (No tours are offered on Tuesdays.) Tours cost \$5 per person, and children 12 and under are admitted free.

The church's first Tiffany window was installed in 1899 and the last one 30 years later in 1929, so as Sarah Netsky, a member of the congregation and the only remaining physical volunteer tour guide,

points out for the first few decades after the building was completed in 1851, it had no Tiffany windows whatsoever.

Arlington Street Church had also originally planned on installing 20 Tiffany windows, said Netsky, but when the Great Depression hit in the 1920s, plans for the remaining four windows were abandoned. Louis Comfort Tiffany then died in 1933, she added, and with his glass studio closing soon afterwards, the church's goal of installing a total of 20 Tiffany windows was permanently derailed.

Meanwhile, the church used to offer impromptu tours when visitors stopped by and asked to see the windows, but as demand grew, the church began offering them formally on a regular basis instead.

"We typically get people from all over the world, even as far

away as New Zealand," said Netsky, who is fluent in Italian, as well as in English, and is expected to be on site for occasional tours in both languages once her schedule is finalized.

But not everyone who comes to see the windows, which were recently restored by the "country's preeminent restorer of Tiffany glass," according to the church, is from out of town either.

"At least a few times a week, we get people from the neighborhood who've never seen them before even though they've passed by them countless times," said Netsky.

(Netsky is also a docent with the Church of the Covenant on Newbury Street, highlighting its collection of Tiffany windows.)

Gabey Whitehouse, a member of the congregation since 1967, said while the Tiffany windows typically attract a lot of international travelers, the church expect most people coming to see them this summer will reside in the U.S.

"We're a very welcoming community," Whitehouse said, "so we're happy when people visit us."

Arlington Street Church is also featured on the Boston Duck Tours, as well as on the Boston Trolley Tours, and also draws many spouses of people attending conventions in Boston. "Monday is a big day for that," added Whitehouse.

Money raised from the tour will help pay for a major renovation of the church, which, said Whitehouse, now needs a lot of work, especially to address its "crumbling" brownstone façade.

Joyce Kamau, church administrator, said Arlington Street Church is the first public building in the Back Bay, as well a "very important building in Boston." But despite its prestige, she said, many visitors to Boston are completely unaware of the church's



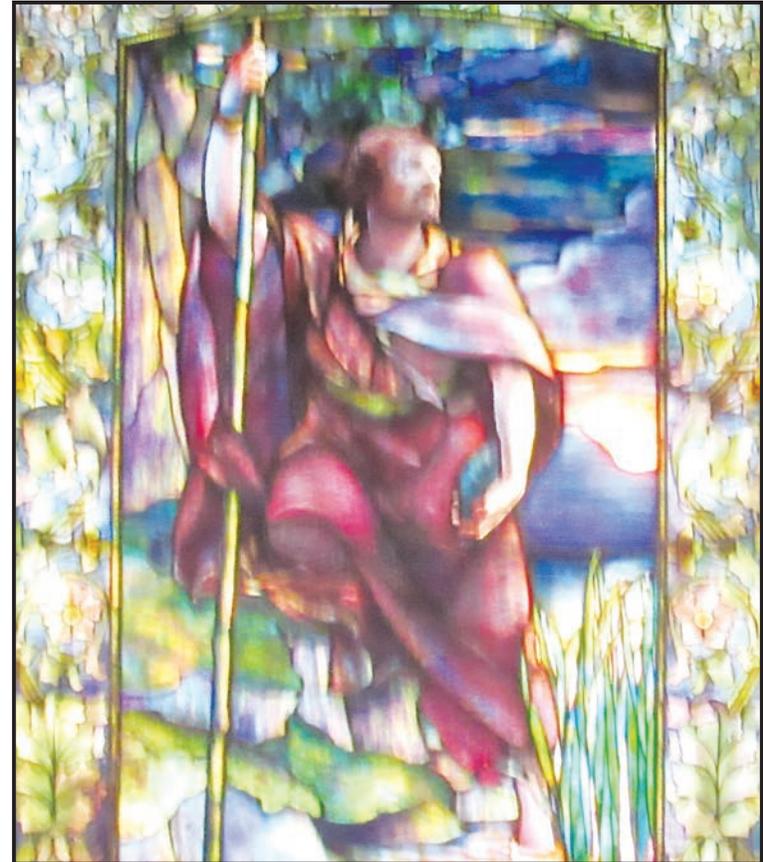
"Madonna of the Flowers," a Tiffany stained-glass window installed in 1899 at Arlington Street Church.

existence until they visit the adjacent Public Garden.

"We look forward to welcoming visitors again and hope to have a pleasant and safe resurrection of our wonderful tour program," said Kamau.

To learn more about Arlington

Street Church's "The Art of Tiffany Stained Glass" tours, visit <https://www.asctiffany.org>, or to volunteer as a tour greeter with the program, contact Joyce Kamau at [jkamau@acsboston.org](mailto:jkamau@acsboston.org) or call 617-536-7050



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Cher Ablang of Beacon Hill  
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# WARD 5 DEMOCRATS TO CAUCUS ON TUESDAY, JUNE 29



Registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 5, which includes parts of the neighborhoods of Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Fenway, and Bay Village, will hold a caucus on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 7PM via Zoom ([Bit.ly/Ward5Caucus](https://bit.ly/Ward5Caucus)) to elect delegates to the 2021 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. This year's convention will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, where thousands of Democrats from across the Commonwealth will come together to discuss Party business and to vote on a new Party Platform. The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 5. Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as delegates may apply to be add-on delegates at the caucus or online at [www.massdems.org](http://www.massdems.org). Questions or accessibility questions? Email [ward5boston@gmail.com](mailto:ward5boston@gmail.com).

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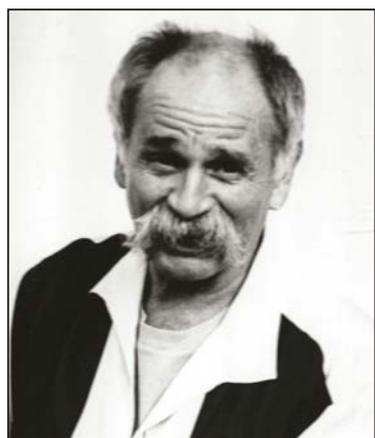
### Rollie O.T. George

1943 — 2020

One year ago, on June 20th, our friend and neighbor Rollie George passed away in the town of his birth, Nazareth, PA.

A long time resident of Beacon Hill, Rollie was a fixture in the neighborhood, often seen riding his bicycle (in either direction) on Charles Street in the execution of his duties as a building superintendent, always on a mission. Some may remember his Friday evening "concerts" in the garden at 10 Charles Street, with pals, playing his favorite Martin guitar, also a product of Nazareth as he would proudly declare.

After serving with the US Army in the Canal Zone, Rollie put his genuine affability to work. For many years, in New Orleans, New York and then Boston, he was famous as a bartender at Your Father's Mustache in those cities. In 1990, he changed gears, and found steady work at 68 Beacon Street, where he stayed for 16 years. Upon retiring, he pulled up stakes, went touring and visiting family, only to return to Bea-



con Hill and Byron Street where he became a companion and caregiver for an elderly gentleman until 2018.

Rollie's health declined and in his last decade he was hospitalized numerous times for a mysterious and still unidentified arterial disorder. Ultimately, Rollie succumbed to a form of blood cancer, while isolated and alone in the Grace Hill Nursing facility because of the pandemic. He leaves his sister Karen Snyder, and his loyal friend Tommy Konya, both of Nazareth.

### Norman Richard Herr

October 18, 1934 - June 6, 2021

If you met Norman Herr, it was likely for one of two reasons. Either you were part of the West End or North End communities and were struggling with housing or other issues, or you were in a position of power in government or the local institutions and could do something about the community issues Norman saw as his duty to correct. Either way, Norm would find you.

Over the many decades he lived as one of the last residents of the old West End of Boston, on Anderson Street and later on Michelangelo Street in the North End, Norman Herr fought for tenants rights, challenged institutional expansion to do better, brought attention to quality of life issues like noise and air pollution, trash, handicapped accessibility and all those small things that people come to accept as part of life in the city, except Norman didn't accept it. Well known for going from office to office in City Hall and at the State House, Norm would find out what people did and where they had authority and then proceed to enlist them in solving some community issue. It was nearly impossible to say no when Norman brought a problem to your attention and then follow-up, week after week until it was resolved. "I always deliver on my promise," he would say. "I'm a man of my word."

Norman Herr had a special place in his heart for seniors of the North End, pushing for accessible crosswalks and leveraging the "donation" of grocery carts to seniors on the North End. While not much is known of his methods, his motive was always to make the world a better place for the poor and elderly. As he would tell you, "I speak for the people who don't have a voice." Norman's most lasting legacy may be the annual Christmas Tree lighting at Cardinal Cushing Park that he has organized since 1995 at the corner of Cambridge and Bowdoin Streets. The week after he would start fundraising for the next year.



Norman grew up on Sydney Street near the Polish Triangle neighborhood in Boston, the son of the late Leo Ira Herr and Veronica Ursula (Aleksun) Herr. Norm held a number of different jobs throughout his life including as a longshoreman and as a bartender at a bar called Backstreet in what was known as the Combat Zone, where he made news by bringing in live music and notable jazz artists. But his favorite job was always as "Grand Marshall" of the Tree Lighting at Cardinal Cushing Park. To continue that legacy, the friends of Norman Herr have set up a gofundme.com at: [bit.ly/NormansTree](https://bit.ly/NormansTree)

One of his favorite songs was "Love is a Many-Splendored Thing," with lyrics like "Love is nature's way of giving a reason to be living. The golden crown that makes a man a king." Norman was a loyal friend and was loved by many. His personal credo was, "One man can do a lot of good."

On Norman's behalf, we his friends would like to thank the many caregivers, visiting nurses, physical therapists, and the good people at Massachusetts General Hospital who took care of him when his health began to fail. He may not have said it in so many words, but he was truly grateful to you.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 21 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 68 Cardinal O'Connell Way in the West End of Boston. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale.

## Follow these rules to save your home

By Review Staff

More than 325,000 homeowners with FHA-insured single-family mortgages that are at least two payments behind (60+ days delinquent) on their mortgage payments have not requested a forbearance and are at risk of losing their homes.

The COVID-19 forbearance – a reduction or pause in their mortgage payment – must be requested by the borrower.

Communities of color are disproportionately affected by the pandemic and are also likely to be a large share of homeowners who are behind on their FHA-insured mortgage payments.

HUD's goal is to have as many struggling homeowners as possible request a mortgage payment forbearance from their servicer, but time is of the essence.

Message for the Borrowers:

If you are struggling to make your mortgage payment on your FHA-insured mortgage because of COVID-19, help is available.

However, you must act now. Here are the steps you should take today:

Contact your mortgage servicer and request a COVID-9 forbearance. A forbearance is a reduction or pause in your mortgage payment.

Your mortgage servicer is the entity to which you make your mortgage payments. Your mortgage servicer is the only entity that can provide you with a mortgage payment forbearance.

When working with your servicer, you should:

1) State that you are having a financial hardship due to COVID-19.

2) Request a COVID-19 Forbearance for your mortgage payments.

3) Ask your servicer to confirm the details of your agreement in writing.

For help talking to your mortgage servicer or understanding your options, call (800) 569-4287 to contact a HUD-approved housing counseling agency in your area.

HUD urges all homeowners who are able to make their mortgage payments to continue to do so. But if you can't make your mortgage payments, know that you are not alone, and that help is available.

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**CANDIDATE'S FORUM** (from pg. 1)

to “protect, preserve, and expand affordable housing” and suggested leveraging the city’s AAA Bond rating to incentivize developers to build more affordable housing in the city, as opposed to luxury condos that are out of reach for most Bostonians. He added that he would also aim to provide more “pathways to home ownership” for the residents of the city.

Regarding education and the future of Boston Public Schools, Rep. Santiago mentioned, among other initiatives, creating a fully-elected school committee, as well as offering pre-school to all city residents, which were outlined in the education plan he released last week.

Councilor Essaibi-George predicts the next crisis to face the city would be a “mental health crisis” when students return to school in September following the pandemic, and that schools would need to offer these students support.

Barros said the city needs to address the opportunity gap to ensure that all students get adequate support both inside and outside school, as well as to provide a seamless transition to early education curriculum for youngsters.

Besides improving the condition of sub-standard BPS buildings, Councilor Campbell also said the city’s schools need to build creative pathways where a student can pursue a professional career (e.g. becoming an attorney), as well as to provide access to an excellent education and wrap-around services to all Bostonians.

Regarding how to handle Mass Cass and the city’s ongoing opioid crisis, Councilor Wu said unlike other candidates she wouldn’t focus on rebuilding the bridge to Long Island, which is estimated to be a six-year project. But instead, she would audit all city properties to see if she could find a more immediate solution for a treatment facility, and that she would elevate the opioid issue to the Mayor’s Office in an effort to break down barriers between different city agencies now working on the problem.

Like his fellow candidates, Rep. Santiago pointed to the need to decentralize services, but unlike Councilor Wu, he would like to see Long Island reopened and added that the city should also explore

using the 13-acre Shattuck Hospital campus as a treatment facility.

Barros also said he would advocates to bring services to Shattuck Hospital, but believes creating more supportive housing would likely be the most effective way to address the problem. He also said called for “more boots on the streets” in the form of professionals meeting with afflicted individuals 24/7 to help get them treatment.

In addition to the opioid problem itself, Councilor Campbell said the city also needs to address homelessness, as well as domestic violence, which, she said, is the root cause why many women end up living on the streets. She also pointed to the need for more workforce opportunities and said she would create “a chief at the cabinet level” to help coordinate the various city agencies now working on the opioid problem.

On the topic of short-term rentals, Rep. Santiago said this has had a disastrous impact on the city, and that he would use “every tool in the city’s toolbox” to ensure that housing stock is reserved for those who live and work here, as opposed to for private investors.

Councilor Wu, who helped write the city’s short-term rental ordinance, said the city needs to “close the loophole on executive suites,” and that the Inspectional Services Department needs to be aware of all short-term rental listings, as well as be vigilant about collecting fines it has already levied.

Barros, who also helped draft language for the ordinance, agreed that the executive suites loophole is “clearly being exploited” and said ISD needs to modernize its systems to more effectively follow up on complaints.

Councilor Campbell also believes executive suites in the city remain a persistent problem and said that some of the ISD processes that have gone virtual during the pandemic should become permanent changes, especially in regard to reporting illegal construction projects and “problem properties,” among other issues.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey was unable to attend the candidates forum, said Haywood, the event moderator.



Crush Boutique’s new home at 138 Charles St.

# Crush Boutique moves to 138 Charles St.

By Dan Murphy

Crush Boutique has relocated to 138 Charles St., previously the proposed location of Blue Moon Smoke Shop’s ill-fated Beacon Hill location.

“It has been wonderful,” Rebecca Hall, who co-owns Crush with childhood friend, Laura Ayers, said Tuesday of their move to the new location. “Obviously, it’s only Day 3, but it’s a much more pleasant shopping experience because there’s more foot traffic being at the street level, and there’s more natural light.”

Hall and Ayers opened Crush in a 700-square-foot garden-level retail space at 131 Charles St. in 2007, whereas the new space comprises 1,500 square feet (1,100 square feet of occupiable ground-level space, plus the basement), which will allow them to not only sell the women’s clothing and accessories they always have, but also to expand into carrying home décor and gifts.

“When we opened 14 years ago, we were 25 years old and happy to get any space on Charles Street, but our dream was always to get a space that was larger and at street level, especially because so many of our customers are mothers with strollers, so stairs can prove a bit detrimental for them,” said Hall. “We’re so grateful for the time we had at that location because it served us well, and without the success we had there, we wouldn’t have been able to move to this street-level location to expand a bit. It was an amazing 14-year run there, but it was time for us to

move on.”

Margaret Mishara, the landlord for the property at 138 Charles St., wrote: “We believe Rebecca Hall and Laura Ayers and Crush boutique will be a great addition to this part of Charles Street. Thanks to Elliott Levine at Olde Forge Realty for introducing Rebecca and Laura to the space, and to Cassandra Renard who designed the space for a high-end boutique. We feel that the opening of Crush Boutique this past Monday will contribute to the resurgence of Charles Street.”

Hall and Ayers also own and operate Whitney + Winston, a shop specializing in gifts and accessories at 113 Charles St., and they also previously had a second location of Crush on Newbury Street that closed last spring after eight years in business.

In March, Blue Moon Smoke Shop, which has several other locations throughout Greater Boston, scrapped its plans to

open at 138 Charles St. after signing a 10-year lease for that location following a virtual public meeting sponsored by Rep. Jay Livingstone and City Councilor Kenzie Bok that drew around 160 neighbors, most of whom were vehemently opposed to the plan. Among their foremost concerns was that the proposed smoke shop would be in close proximity to Hill House and multiple elementary schools, including The Advent School, Park Street School, Torit Montessori School and Beacon Hill Nursery School, and located just a few doors down from J.P. Licks, an ice cream shop at 150 Charles St.

Before that, Danish Country & Modern, which specialized in Scandinavian antiques and mid-century modern furniture, had been the retail tenant at 138 Charles St. from 1984 until last New Year’s Eve.



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Visit Hill House's Summer Camp website ([www.hillhouse-boston.org/Camps.htm](http://www.hillhouse-boston.org/Camps.htm)) to learn more about all the fun. For more information on registering, contact Chelsea Evered at 617-227-5838 or [cvevered@hillhouseboston.org](mailto:cvevered@hillhouseboston.org).

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A7887 Properties LLC	Nuttall, Mark E	290 Commonwealth Ave #21	\$2,050,000
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# Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The corner windows in the last clue are on 154 Cambridge Street. Today's answer is a 1912 photo of that building with horses and carriage and a picket fence on the roofline. That form of protection against falls would not pass muster with Boston Inspectional Services today!

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## THIS WEEK'S CLUE



**FRESH AND LOCAL****Sick of Cooking?**

by Penny &amp; Ed Cherubino

As we slowly re-enter some degree of normal, many people (even those who have always loved cooking) find themselves weary of the demands that pandemic food preparation took on their time, mental energy, and creativity. They are sick of cooking!

For some, this is simply a need to take a break, and we have some tips for doing that. For others, including those who never found the “Joy of Cooking,” it may be time to find a different way to feed themselves and their family.

**Take a Break!**

If you have the financial resources to do so, you can take a break from cooking. Now is a good time to support restaurants and artisan food vendors who have lost income over the past year.

With our vaccinations providing some degree of comfort, we’ve been dining out more often and prioritizing the businesses we want to be here when all this is over. We began with places we



*When you're too tired of food preparation to toss together a salad, it's time to find another way!*

could walk to and who had outside dining areas.

If you're able, tip well! We decided to spend our stimulus money on increased tips to the delivery people who endangered themselves by bringing us food during our months of isolation. Now that we're shopping for ourselves, we add a bit extra to each tip on a check or increase the percentage when we have the option of tipping on a pay-by-phone transaction.

**Semi-Cooking**

If dining out often is beyond your budget right now, or you are not ready to interact with others to that degree, try to ease your time spent in the kitchen by semi-cooking.

This takes a bit of research and sampling, but we found an array of prepared meals that fit our personal guidelines for minimal processing and few unnecessary ingredients. (Trader Joe's is a good

source.) We are also careful to check the “best used” or “freeze by” dates when we purchase these. Food waste can gobble up any effort to eat on a budget.

If you don't mind leftovers, consider takeout from restaurants that serve large portions. Neither of us ever finish the chicken pie at Cornwall's in Kenmore square, but we often order that and make a second meal of the leftovers. Vegetable dishes at Asian restau-

rants are often good values and reheats well.

**Meal Services & More**

Some of our neighbors subscribed to meal services during the height of the pandemic and plan to continue. When you consider the price of these options compared to buying all the ingredients, you may find the reduced food waste makes them comparable.

As those in the traditional hospitality business pivoted to find ways to make money while closed or unemployed, local versions of meal service plans emerged. For example, Stillman's Quality Meats offers a range of prepared meat pies. Formaggio Kitchen has a weekly dinner menu at all locations. Mei Mei has pivoted from a dining-in restaurant to all take-out, offering their own menu options plus food from other local producers.

If you are a chief cook and bottle washer and need a break for your well-being, take one! However, our final word on the subject is that delegating some of the work of putting food on your table may be just what you need. Figure out precisely what you are tired of doing and see if anyone else in your household or a service provider can do it for you!

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