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Brewer Fountain on the Boston Common.

Brewer Fountain on Common returns to life after two years

By Dan Murphy

After lying torpid for nearly two years due to the pandemic, Brewer Fountain has returned to life on the Boston Common.

Tables, chairs, and umbrellas have been set up there for guests, while weekday piano performances by Berklee College of Music students are expected to resume

soon. Food trucks are also slated to return to the Plaza again soon.

Steve Ten Barge, finance manager and Brewer Plaza liaison for Friends of the Public Garden, which has been programming the Brewer Fountain Plaza since 2012, wrote, "This would have been our 10th year, but programming was cancelled last year due to the pandemic. We hope to return food

trucks to the Plaza soon, although they have been challenged elsewhere by reduced office workers in the city."

The Friends consider programming the Brewer Fountain Plaza "some of our most important work in the Boston Common," he added, while the plaza itself "is

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Beacon Hill's Keeta Gilmore named a Commonwealth Heroine

By John Lynds

Last month, Rep. Jay Livingstone announced he nominated longtime Beacon Hill activist and neighborhood leader Keeta Gilmore with the 2021 Commonwealth Heroine Award for her commitment to improving the quality of life in the neighborhood and beyond.

Gilmore is a board member of the Beacon Hill Civic Association, where she previously served as chair, and on the Beacon Hill Village board.

She has served in leadership capacities for many neighborhood organizations, and has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life in Beacon Hill.

"Keeta Gilmore has been a



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community leader in Beacon Hill for a long time," said Livingstone. "Almost every organization she

joins, she quickly becomes the leader of. She is so committed to the neighborhood I thought her efforts needed to be acknowledged. Over the years, as a community leader and activist, she has dealt with incredibly complex issues on behalf of the neighborhood."

Aside from her community activism in Beacon Hill Gilmore manages a research laboratory at the Mass Eye and Ear Infirmary that's focused on developing new ways to prevent and treat antibiotic resistant infections.

"It is an honor for us to identify extraordinary women from across the Commonwealth," said the Massachusetts Commission

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DeLuca's plan to offer table service with beer and wine meets with strong opposition

By Dan Murphy

DeLuca's Market's plans to offer table service that would include serving beer and wine at its Charles Street location were met with strong opposition during a city-sponsored meeting held virtually on July 14, where many of the around 25 abutters and neighbors in attendance objected to the proposal based on the long history of violations and complaints against the longstanding family business.

Virgil Aiello, owner of the market at 11 Charles St., which currently has an all-alcohol "off-premises" license, said the business is seeking an "on premises" beer-and-wine license that would allow them to offer these beverages, along with prepared foods, to a total of 20 patrons seated at a few tables located near the existing self-serve coffee machines on the right-hand side of the store when facing the building.

For the table service, DeLuca's would have a very limited menu focusing largely on the specialty cheeses, sandwiches, and charcuterie boards that the market already sells, said Aiello, while two current employees would expand their duties to also work as servers, as well as to ensure that tables are bused in a timely manner after patrons have finished and left. The proposed hours of operation for the table service would be noon to

9 p.m. daily, he added.

"We've been here for over 100 years and have evolved over time, and at this point in time, we'd like to offer an additional service to customers, that is to serve them a glass of beer or wine with their food," said Aiello. "We're not attempting to be a full-service restaurant. We're just serving sandwiches and prepared food, cheese, and charcuterie."

The on-site store manager, who would be Aiello himself most days, he said, would also manage the table-service operations. Aiello's two daughters also both plan to join him soon to help him run the business, he added.

Aiello said he believes that the market currently has sufficient refrigerator space to accommodate the proposed expanded operation, since the beer wouldn't require much space, while the wine would need to keep cool but not refrigerated.

Asked about the plan to offer charcuterie products on its menu despite the recent opening of Kured, a business devoted solely to charcuterie at 83 Charles St., Aiello responded that the market has already been selling charcuterie boards for some time now, and that DeLuca's welcomes the competition.

Meanwhile, Aiello said he has

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DeLuca's Market's at 11 Charles St.

EDITORIAL

NOT VACCINATED? COVID-19 WILL GET YOU -- AND YOUR FAMILY

When we were writing about COVID-19 last year at the height of the pandemic, we often put it this way: COVID-19 is a hunter and we, the human animal, are its prey.

In the summer of 2021, another way to think about it is this: COVID-19 is a microscopic version of the alien monsters in the popular sci-fi movies *A Quiet Place* or *The Tomorrow War* in which the aliens have invaded Earth and are seeking to exterminate the human race.

In both of those films, the humans have banded together to fight the aliens in order to avoid extinction.

In particular, the heroes in those movies do whatever they can to protect their families.

However, unlike in the movies, many of the humans on our planet, especially here in the United States, are not acting with the same degree of rationality and unity in fighting COVID-19.

Virus infections and hospitalizations are rising sharply across the United States thanks to the Delta variant, an updated version of the virus, that is both more transmissible and causes more serious disease.

However, as President Biden succinctly put it, the new surge in cases is occurring almost entirely among those who are not vaccinated.

More than 160 million Americans have received vaccinations, roughly half of the country. However, the vaccination rate varies widely depending upon the geographic region. In the Northeast and the West Coast, vaccination rates are in the range of 70 percent, compared to under 40 percent in large areas of the South and middle of the country.

Predictably, the increase in infections, hospitalizations, and deaths are surging in those under-vaccinated areas. The numbers don't lie. It was reported last week that the seven-day moving average of new COVID-19 cases across the country increased by 16%, but that 93% of those cases were among counties with low vaccination rates.

In states with high vaccination rates, new infections are occurring almost solely among the unvaccinated. In the state of Maryland, which has a high vaccination rate, 99% of new COVID cases are occurring in persons who are not vaccinated.

The Delta variant that is now prevalent in the U.S. and across the globe is more than twice as transmissible as the original version of COVID-19. Fortunately, all three of the vaccines being used in this country (Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J) are highly-effective against infection by the Delta variant.

In addition, we have more than enough of the vaccine to inoculate every American against this dreaded disease. America is the richest country in the world and we have used our wealth to encourage the development and production of vaccines and to purchase a supply sufficient to immunize every American.

The incredible success in developing successful vaccines has been the equivalent of a 21st century Manhattan Project, which was the scientific effort to develop the nuclear bomb that eventually ended World War II.

So why are so many of our fellow citizens hesitant to get the vaccine?

President Biden noted that misinformation -- and outright disinformation -- on social media platforms are killing people. He also should have added that disinformation campaigns on certain so-called mainstream news networks similarly are contributing to vaccine hesitancy.

If you are relying on your Facebook friends or some other on-line (or mainstream news network) to persuade you from getting the vaccine, then you are a victim of bad information that can harm you and your families.

In short, the simple -- but brutal -- truth is this: If you and your loved ones are not vaccinated, it is inevitable that COVID-19 will find you, just like those science-fiction aliens in the movies. And just like the movies, for all too many of the unvaccinated, the outcome will be deadly.

By Councilor Annessa Essaibi George

This past year and a half has been devastating for so many, and with that has come a long list of changes and priorities that the City of Boston must address. But perhaps voices too often left out of these critical policy conversations belong to Boston's aging residents.

Here in Boston, it is projected that 20% of our population will be age 65 or older within 15 years. It's essential that our policies reflect this and that any future planning includes measures that make our city welcoming, accessible and inclusive of our aging residents.

We must prioritize housing. Our aging residents decided to call Boston home. Many raised their families here, worked here, and have become a part of the fabric of their community. They need affordable housing options: we must build senior-specific rental units, provide them options to downsize within their own neighborhood, and lower skyrocketing property taxes that have taken many residents by surprise. Good planning will allow us to create and maintain greenspaces, open space ideal for community gatherings, and make Boston truly accessible for all with more ramps, smooth sidewalks, and benches.

Our residents need transportation options that are close to their homes and go to and from local senior and community centers, community health centers and hospitals, places of worship, and to the grocery stores and pharmacies. By expanding shuttle services and providing free MBTA passes, we can provide our older residents the resources and tools to be mobile and lead healthy, happy and enriched lives.

As part of my public health plan, I lay out the important role community health centers (CHCs) play in our city. In addition to providing primary care, CHCs provide comprehensive community services to address food insecurity, housing instability, behavioral health, immigration support, and other social determinants of health. Mental health services, in particular, will be key in the coming months after a year and a half or more in isolation with the added stressful burdens of living through a global pandemic. Our neighborhood community health centers can be a critical link between our

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Showing up for our aging residents

aging residents and the services they need to lead healthy lives.

As Mayor, I will support and strengthen the lives of older individuals in Boston by ensuring that we are intentional about addressing their needs and improving their quality of life in our policies and initiatives. I'll make bold improvements to programs that will optimize the health, safety and inclusion of aging Bostonians, and continue to invest in the generational diversity of our residents by cultivating a safe and healthy community with resources to make Boston an enjoyable place to grow older. To do all of this and ensure older residents use these services, City Hall must make a concerted effort to conduct outreach in a way that reaches, and includes, our seniors. We have to meet them where they are. From door knocking programs to phone calls, mailers to meetings at their

local senior center, we have to be on the ground, listen to their needs, and allow what we learn to drive the City of Boston's agenda.

There's no question that Boston is such a special place because of the people who choose to call this city home, who build businesses here, who enrich our neighborhoods and contribute to our communities. So let's make sure we're creating more opportunities for aging residents to stay in them, such as more senior-specific affordable housing, improved and accessible infrastructure, and community-centered care. But even more importantly, let's intentionally engage our older residents in every aspect of these policies so that all voices have the opportunity to shape our city's future—I think we could all learn a thing or two.

Councilor Annessa Essaibi George is a candidate for Mayor.

CLARIFICATION



In the photo that was published last week about a moving truck turning onto Revere Street from West Cedar that collapsed a wooden sidewalk structure, the photo credit was accidentally omitted. The photo was taken by Beacon Hill resident Deborah Holt. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

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GUEST OP-ED

Fast track to turmoil

Dr. Glenn Mollette

A happy and secure life does not mean immediate gratification.

We have heard these words before, “I want it all and I want it now.” Wanting the things of life as quickly as possible is natural. Some climb the career ladder quickly achieving epic heights at young ages. Many burn the candle at both ends in order to have the biggest house the finance company will allow. Some want to have a certain number of children by a certain age along with a mega career, housing, cars and all that a segment of society considers successful.

However, is your mental sanity worth the stress of all that it usually takes to get as much and as fast as you can? The common consensus by many is, “I don’t want to wait until I’m old to have a nice house.” Or, “I don’t want to wait to enjoy the finer things of life.”

An old acquaintance bought an expensive house in California a few years back and remarked,

“I couldn’t wait to get into that incredible house and then I couldn’t wait until we sold it.” Another friend remarked, “The greatest day in my life was when I bought my boat and the second greatest day was when I sold it.” Our view of life’s wants and needs change throughout life. We look at some things as if we can’t live until we get them. After awhile we realize life was simpler and more manageable before we had them.

Consider pacing yourself. Remember this word as much as possible – afford. Try to buy, drive and live with the afford word as your ongoing theme. If you can’t afford it you certainly don’t need it, whatever it is. Don’t overbuy on your house. Buy what you can afford now and maybe soon you can sell and buy greater. If you are living beyond what you can afford you will end up losing ground. Getting behind with making payments on property or having to file bankruptcy will only put the things you want out of reach.

Destroying your credit rating only dismantles what you will want to buy next.

So, take your time. Trying to spend more and buy more than you can afford does not make you a greater person in anyone’s minds or eyes. Keep in mind that it’s your life and there’s nothing better than living life with peace of mind. If you can be comfortable, eat well and have a good daily life of health then what more do you really want? If you want more, then take your time, do good and more will probably become available to you. The wisdom writer of Proverbs said in 15:16, “Better a little with fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil.”

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

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on the Status of Women in a statement. “We would like to thank our many legislative partners who have recommended and recognized women within their district who perform unheralded acts daily that make our homes, neighborhoods, cities and towns better places to live. These acts of public leadership and volunteerism help advance the status of women and girls in Massachusetts in ways big and small, and the collective effort is meaningful.”

Each year the Commission partners with state legislators to identify women who make outstanding contributions to their organiza-

tions and communities. Each legislator is encouraged to submit one woman from their constituency as a means of recognizing their invaluable community contributions.

The Commonwealth Heroines are women who don’t always make the news, but truly make the difference. They are the women who use their time, talent, and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others and make a difference in their neighborhoods, cities, and towns. They are mentors, volunteers, and innovators who do what needs to be done, without expectations of recognition or gratitude.

These women are the glue that keeps a community together and every community has them.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is an independent state agency that was legislatively created in 1998 to advance women of the Commonwealth to full equality in all areas of life and to promote their rights and opportunities. The Commission provides a voice for Massachusetts women and has 19 members who are appointed by the Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Caucus of Women Legislators.

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one of the most iconic locations in Boston and to have lunch sitting under an umbrella while listening to beautiful piano music with the fountain flowing in the background is really magical.”

Likewise, Liz Vizza, president of the Friends group, wrote, “We are delighted to be able to reopen this outdoor community space. How wonderful it is to see peo-

ple enjoying the outdoors, using the tables and chairs under the umbrellas, and hopefully, everyone will be enjoying the Berklee College musicians again.”

Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods wrote, “We are so grateful for the Friends of the Public Garden’s partnership in restoring the Brewer Fountain. The restored fountain beautifies that

section of the Common and provides a welcoming area for folks to gather outdoors—we know that open spaces are the safest place to be right now.”

Woods also extended the city’s gratitude to the Friends for “activating that space with positive programming, piano music performed by Berklee students.”

Vilms receives industry honors

Vilms Consulting has announced that Michelle Vilms, CEO, has been named a 2021 100 Top ProAdvisor by Insightful Accountant and one of the Top 50 Women in Accounting by Practice Ignition for 2020.

Insightful Accountant is an independent news and information source that honors 100 Top ProAdvisors each year. Content is written specifically for the small business advisor to keep up with current technology, trends in the industry and continuing their education. This is the third year in a row that Michelle has received this recognition.

Practice Ignition’s Top 50 Women in Accounting recognizes women from across the globe who promote inclusivity and diversity, invest in the future leaders of accounting, and advocate for the accounting industry.

Vilms Consulting is a Boston-based virtual firm offering accounting, advisory, and train-



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Michelle Vilms.

ing services to small and medium-size businesses interested in reorganizing, complementing, or outsourcing their accounting and finance functions. Specializing in cloud-based accounting and best practices to support a company’s growth and scalability goals, all team members are certified in QuickBooks Online and have extensive experience with related technology.

For more information, visit www.vilmsconsulting.com.

Myles’ Musings

By Myles Striar

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The Boch Center announces first holiday programming for the 2021 season

Special to the Times

From the songwriting team behind the smash hit Tony Award-winning musical Dear Evan Hansen and the Academy Award-winning film La La Land, A Christmas Story, The Musical, brings the classic 1983 movie to hilarious life on stage in Boston at the Boch Center Wang Theatre, December 7 – 19, 2021. The Boch Center Wang Theatre continues its tradition as the premiere destination for live holiday entertainment in Boston. Tickets for A Christmas Story, The Musical are now on sale.

“We are excited to announce one of the first pieces of holiday programming this 2021 season with A Christmas Story, The Musical,” said Joe Spaulding, President and CEO of the Boch Center. “It has been a challenging year for our entire community, and what a great way to look forward to the holidays than with a classic live stage show – we are thrilled to welcome back one of our favorite family holiday productions.”

Expanding on health guidelines required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and City of Boston, the Boch Center has adopted a comprehensive program of health safeguards designed to assure audiences of maximum protection against pathogens including the virus that causes COVID-19.

The Boch Center is the first Massachusetts-based performing arts venue to integrate ActivePure Technology as part of its COVID-19 protection protocols. ActivePure Technology, backed by extensive independent testing, is the fastest-acting, most powerful surface and air disinfecting technology available. The system evolved from the NASA space program and is now used by thousands of schools, hospitals, restaurants, event facilities, businesses, places of worship and residences worldwide. It inactivates up to 99.9 percent of surface and airborne contaminants within minutes or hours of operation (including SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, bacteria, mold, fungi and more) without the use of chemicals or ozone.

A Christmas Story, The Musical chronicles young and bespectacled Ralphie Parker as he schemes his way toward the holiday gift of his dreams, an official Red Ryder® Carbine-Action 200-Shot Range Model Air Rifle (“You’ll shoot your eye out kid!”). An infamous leg lamp, outrageous pink bunny pajamas, a maniacal department store Santa, and a triple-dog-dare to lick a freezing flagpole are just a few of the distractions that stand between Ralphie and his Christmas wish. Chock-full of delightful songs and splashy production numbers, A Christmas Story, The Musical, has proudly taken its

place as a perennial holiday classic for the whole family.

Hailed by The Associated Press as “a joyous Christmas miracle,” The New York Times writes “I was dazzled. You’d have to have a Grinch-sized heart not to feel a smile spreading across your face.” A Christmas Story, The Musical premiered on Broadway in 2012 and was a critical and commercial success. The musical was nominated for three TONY Awards® including Best New Musical, Best Original Score, and Best Book of a Musical.

A Christmas Story, The Musical features a festive and nostalgic holiday themed score by composer/lyricist team Benj Pasek and Justin Paul (TONY Award for Dear Evan Hansen, OSCAR for La La Land), with a book by Joseph Robinette, based on the writings of radio humorist Jean Shepherd and the 1983 holiday film favorite. The tour features direction by Matt Lenz, with casting by Alison Franck. TONY Award® winner Warren Carlyle’s Broadway choreography will be reset for the tour by Jason Sparks. A CHRISTMAS STORY, THE MUSICAL features scenic design by Mike Carnahan, with costume design by Lisa Zinni and lighting design by Charlie Morrison. The hounds will play themselves.

A Christmas Story, The Musical Performance Schedule:

Tuesday- December 7, 2021
7:00pm
Wednesday- December 8, 2021
7:00pm Press Night
Thursday- December 9, 2021
7:00pm
Friday- December 10, 2021
7:00pm
Saturday- December 11, 2021
2:00pm
Saturday- December 11, 2021
7:30pm
Sunday- December 12, 2021
1:00pm
Sunday- December 12, 2021
6:30pm ASL/Open
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Tuesday- December 14, 2021
7:00pm
Wednesday- December 15, 2021
7:00pm
Thursday- December 16, 2021
7:00pm
Friday- December 17, 2021
7:00pm
Saturday- December 18, 2021
2:00pm
Saturday- December 18, 2021
7:30pm
Sunday- December 19, 2021
1:00pm
Sunday- December 19, 2021
6:30pm

Tickets for A Christmas Story, The Musical are now on sale and can be purchased at and will be available at the Boch Center Box Office, www.bochcenter.org, by calling (800) 982-ARTS (2787) and via Ticketmaster. Groups of 10

or more may reserve tickets by contacting Boch Center Group Sales at (617) 532-1116 or groups@bochcenter.org.

A Christmas Story, The Musical is produced by Big League Productions, Inc. Led by President and Executive Producer Daniel Sher, Big League is celebrating its 29th season of producing, general managing and booking Broadway musicals and special attractions for touring throughout North America and the world. For more information visit www.bigleague.org.

About the Boch Center

The Boch Center is one of the nation’s leading nonprofit performing arts institutions and a guardian of the historic Wang and Shubert Theatres. As New England’s largest cultural venue, the Boch Center is home to theater, classical and popular music, dance, comedy, opera, Broadway musicals, family entertainment, and more. Located in Boston’s historic Theater District, the Boch Center also offers a diverse mix of educational, cultural and community outreach initiatives, including the City Spotlights Leadership Program, ArtWeek and the Folk Americana Roots Hall of Fame; collaborates with artists and local nonprofit arts organizations; preserves historic venues; and acts as a champion for Greater Boston’s arts and cultural community. Learn more at bochcenter.org.

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received permission from the city to set up two tables on the sidewalk outside the market, and if his pending application is approved, table service would be offered there as well.

After hearing Aiello make his case for expanding the market’s services, Brad Malt, a 42-year resident of Beacon Hill, said, “Virgil, I’m sorry to say, but there is no business on Charles Street, I would less like to see with a liquor license than DeLuca’s.”

Among the reasons why Malt said he is opposed to DeLuca’s plans are the “decrepit” building

on Charles Street that is home to the market, along with the business’s history of illegally storing trash, the rubbish and debris that commonly litters its sidewalk, and a truck reportedly owned by the business that’s regularly parked illegally outside the store.

Additionally, the market, which has frequent employee turnover, said Malt, previously sold food products past their expiration dates and improperly stored wine.

“I and everyone I know is strongly opposed to this,” Malt said of DeLuca’s latest plan.

Gordon Burnes, an abutter,

was among those to echo Malt’s sentiments, saying he believes the city should oppose the application “because the business can’t be trusted.”

Charles River Square resident Diana Coldren expressed concern that Aiello’s proposal lacked detail, including a plan for trash pick-up, as well as a seating diagram.

“There are no details to your plan,” said Coldren. “I would oppose it without more information.”

Aiello agreed to meet with the Beacon Hill Civic Association and provide them with a seating diagram, as well as sample menu, at the request of Keeta Gilmore, a longtime board member and former chair and president of the organization.

Meghan Awe, president of the Civic Association, also indicated that any good neighbor agreement between the organization and the market would likely stipulate that beer and wine only be served with food during table service.

Joan Doucette of Mount Vernon Street was the only attendee

at the meeting to express her support for the proposal and said she believes that Aiello has continually faced unfair criticism, as well unnecessary resistance, every time he has tried to expand the market’s operations.

“Neighbors have always been unneighborly to DeLuca’s, and I don’t think there’s any need for it,” she said. “I don’t think neighbors should have control over a business.”

Doucette added that DeLuca’s has consistently served the community throughout the pandemic, and as the city recovers from this public health crisis, it now needs to do everything it can to help all businesses on Charles Street, including DeLuca’s, recover.

“We have all these empty storefronts on Charles Street, and we need these businesses open,” Doucette said.

Margaux Bolte, a seven-year resident of Beacon Hill, also wrote a letter to the city in support of the DeLuca’s plan.

“I’m delighted that an establishment with rich, local history

would take on a new initiative to offer more to the community and expand the scope of their operations,” Bolte’s letter read in part. “In fact, it seems like a very natural complement to their existing services. I believe this new venture would continue to add to the vibrant culture that is Beacon Hill’s Charles Street, without disrupting the neighborhood, and give people - residents, customers and visitors alike - a refreshed place of interest.”

Despite the support for the plan from Bolte and Doucette, George Huynh of the city’s Office of Neighborhood Services, which sponsored the meeting, said based on the strong opposition voiced there, in addition to the numerous letters against the proposal they have received, the city would likely schedule another abutters meeting to further explore the matter.

The public can submit their comments on DeLuca’s plan to George Huynh via email at george.huynh@boston.gov.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

BOSTON WARD 5 DEMS MAKE ENDORSEMENTS

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee made the following endorsements at its July 20 meeting: Michele Wu for Mayor; Jon Spillane and Ruthzee Louijenne for City Councilor at Large; Ed Flynn for City Councilor for District 2; and Kenzie Bok for City Councilor for District 8.

FOOD PANTRY AT WEST END BRANCH LIBRARY REOPENS

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) has reopened its food pantry at the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, with starting hours of Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30p.m.

The organization is additionally continuing food bag deliveries to North End and West End buildings for clients who are homebound. Clients also may access the North End Pantry at our offices on 1 Michelangelo St.

If you or someone you know

would like to make an appointment, call the office at 617-523-8125.

HIDDEN GARDEN OF BEACON HILL TOUR RETURNS VIRTUALLY

The Beacon Hill Garden Club's Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Tour is now being held virtually.

Tickets are now available at the Beacon Hill Garden Club's website at beaconhillgardenclub.org for \$25 each, or you can buy a ticket and one of the Garden Club's books for \$45.

VIRTUAL PROGRAM ON 'ETIQUETTE OF THE BRAHMIN SUMMER'

The Gibson House Museum presents a return engagement of the virtual program, "Etiquette of the Brahmin Summer," with Etiquetteer Robert B. Dimmick, on Tuesday, Aug. 17, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Before air conditioning, Brahmin (wealthy Boston) families retreated for the summer season to homes on the New England coast. Join Robert B. Dimmick, Etiquetteer, for an entertaining look at the rituals, pastimes, and domesticity of the Gibson family and other Yankees. The program will include images from the Gibson House and Gibson family archives.

Admission is \$10 for museum members, or \$12 for non-members.

Visit www.thegibsonhouse.org for more information.

IMAGINE VAN GOGH COMING DEC. 21 TO SOWA POWER STATION

"Imagine Van Gogh," more than 200 of the Dutch artist's paintings, is making its debut in Boston on Dec. 21 at the SoWa Power Station.

The exhibition is a contactless experience spanning over 24,000 square feet, with a limited number of guests allowed in on a timed-entry basis, and it will adhere to all safety guidelines established by the Commonwealth.

Tickets start at \$33.99 (plus service charges and fees) and are on sale now. For more information, visit www.imagine-vangogh.com.



LEGALS

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Summer in the City: Remembering Charlesbank Beach

By Leigh Blander

For some, summer in the city is a reminder of Charlesbank Beach, where thousands of Bostonians flocked to the banks of the Charles River in the West End to go swimming.

Charlesbank - which ran from the Longfellow Bridge to the Museum of Science - was a popular spot for folks in the city to relax, picnic, exercise, and... yes, swim.

Jim Campano, 80, remembers his sister taking him swimming at Charlesbank Beach when he was a kid growing up at 32 Poplar St. in the West End. "If you went out my front door and looked down Poplar Street you could see the river. None of those streets are there today."

Campano says Charlesbank Beach was a great way to keep cool in the summer.

"A lot of people didn't have air conditioning," he said. "It was summertime and the water felt refreshing."

"A lot of us would sunbathe on the beehives, those round things around the bottom of the bridge," he continued. "And there was a house in the river you could swim out to, a bathhouse where you could dive into the water."

Famed Boston architect Frederick Law Olmsted designed the "pioneering park here in the 1880s and '90s that included a

promenade along the river as well as landscaped grounds for active and passive recreation," according to documents from The Esplanade Association.

In the 1930s, Works Progress Administration (WPA) crews expanded the park and constructed a baseball diamond.

A WPA bulletin from the time read, "Charlesbank Beach, official title of the WPA Project, has proved to be one of the most popular swimming places in this section of the state. It is daily crowded with hundreds of children. Charlesbank Beach runs 300 feet along the Charles River, has a deep, gently sloped, fine-sand beach and extends back 120 feet to Charles Street."

Of course, this was decades before Storrow Drive was constructed. The roadway hampered access from the West End to Charlesbank Beach. At about the same time, the river became too polluted for swimming and the beach closed.

Over the last 25 years, several groups have launched river clean-up projects and in 2019 the Environmental Protection Agency gave the Charles a letter grade of B, up from D in 1995. According to the Charles River Conservancy (CRC), swimming in the Charles is only allowed if a permit is obtained by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

In 2013, the CRC held City



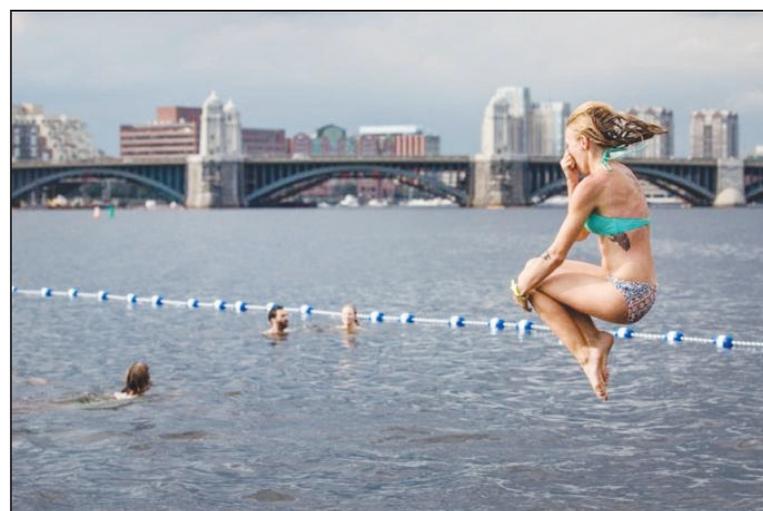
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A rendering of the Charles River-Conservancy Swim Park.

Splash, one of the first public community swims in the Charles in more than 50 years. The CRC hopes to create a public swim park along the Charles near the Longfellow, bringing a favorite summer tradition back to the West End.

As for Campano, he joined the Coast Guard in 1958 and when he came home six months later, his family was living in Somerville, forced out of the West End by the urban renewal project. But he'll always have fond memories of his old neighborhood and swimming in the Charles

"It was a whole different world in those days," he said.



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Jim Campano and his brothers are seen at Charlesbank Beach.

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Beacon Hill COVID update listed

By John Lynds

Throughout June and the beginning of July COVID infections were virtually nonexistent in the neighborhood with an average of 0.10 percent of residents testing positive week after week.

However, with new variants of the virus penetrating the US, Beacon Hill, North End, Back Bay, West End and Downtown are not immune to the recent spikes in cases that are sweeping the US and infecting unvaccinated people with avengence.

According to the weekly report released last Friday released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 1,104 Beacon Hill, North End, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 1.3 percent were positive. This was a whopping 1,200 percent increase from the 0.1 percent of residents that tested positive on June 25.

Overall since the pandemic started 55,690 Beacon Hill, North End, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6.4 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 1.5 percentage decrease from the 6.5 reported by the BPHC on June 25.

Citywide, the weekly positive

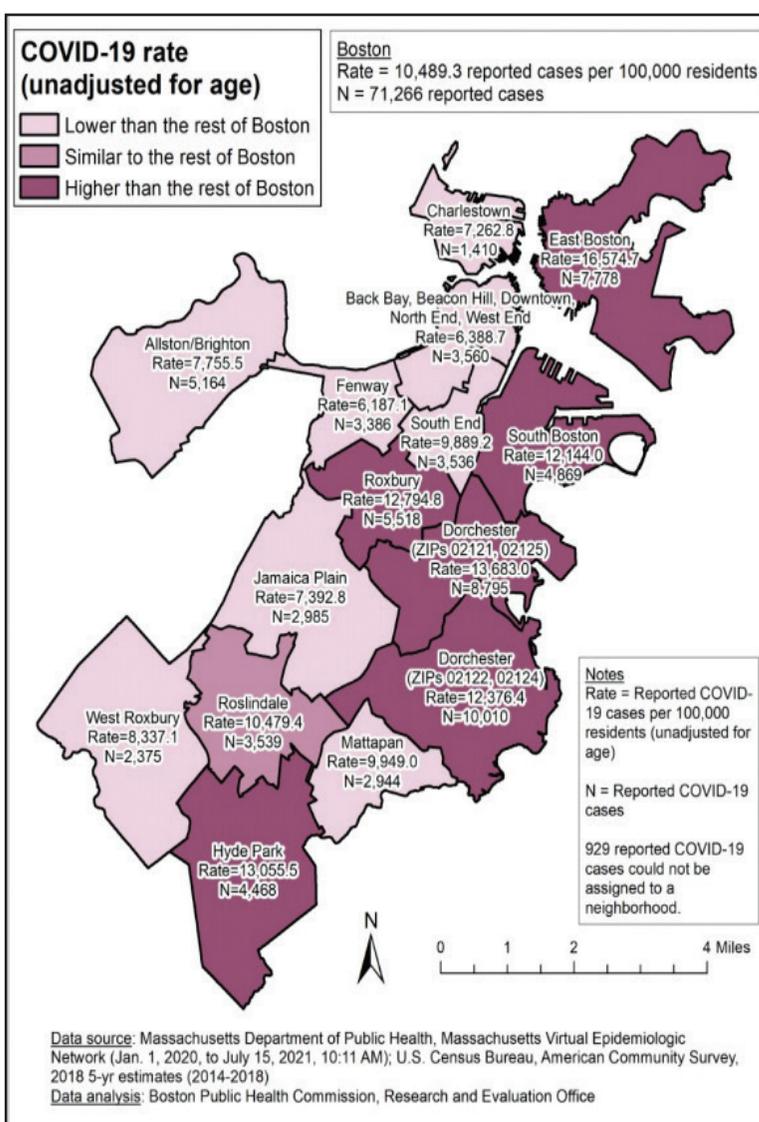
test rate increased. According to the BPHC 11,704 residents were tested and 1.5 percent were COVID positive--this was a 275 percent increase from the 0.4 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Beacon Hill, North End, Back Bay, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 638.8 cases per 10,000 residents--roughly a 1 percent increase from the 633.6 cases per 10,000 residents reported on June 25.

Twenty-nine additional residents have been infected with the virus since late June and the total number of cases in the area increased to 3,560 cases overall since the pandemic began.

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 0.6 percent since July 9 and went from 70,998 cases to 71,457 confirmed cases in a week. Two additional Boston residents died from the virus in the past two weeks and there are now 1,395 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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BHAC approves Crush Boutique's proposed blade sign while denying request for new blade sign

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission voted unanimously to approve a proposed hanging blade-sign for Crush Boutique's new home at 138 Charles St. while denying the applicant's request for a new pan sign at the same location during its July 15 hearing, which took place via Zoom.

Bryn Robinson of Boston Sign Co. said the blade sign would be made of wood while the proposed pan sign would've been crafted from aluminum and primed and painted to resemble the existing pan signs at the adjacent post office at 136 Charles St., as well as the pan sign at the storefront on the other side of Crush.

Commission members indicated the building's owner was in violation of the commission's guidelines

when they painted over the original black-and-gold leaf details, and would be cited for that infraction. The commission subsequently opted to make this a separate issue so the application could move forward, while Martha McNamara, who served as the commission's chair pro tempore at the meeting in the absence of a current chair or vice chair, suggested asking the building owner for a signage master plan at the time they are cited for the violation.

In regard to the applicant's other request for a decal on the boutique's front door that would list its hours of operation, details will be remanded to staff.

The commission also unanimously approved an application for a new business, East Coast Ivy Boutique, to install a wooden blade sign in black with white let-

tering at 88 Charles St., with the proviso that the applicant work with staff to possibly find a better means of attaching the sign than the existing hardware.

Nick Armata, senior preservation planner for the Boston Landmarks Commission, added that the owner of the building at 88 Charles St. would also be issued a violation for a light fixture, which, he said, is "very poorly installed" and "rather unsightly."

On an application to replace 12 canopy-mounted fixtures with new LED fixtures, as well as to install one new wall-mounted LED fixture in the front of the building, at the Bank of America ATM vestibule at 45 Charles St., the commission voted unanimously to continue its determination.

Josh Waggoner of GMR, a Texas engineering firm, said the proposed lighting upgrade is intended to satisfy a new state law regarding lighting requirements for banks.

Dr. Charles Andrew Czeisler, the Baldino Professor of Sleep Medicine at Harvard Medical School, urged the applicant to use lower-temperature light fixtures than were proposed because of the potential adverse health effects of exposure to blue lights at night, while, he lower temperature incandescent lighting now on the market, he said, would clash less with the neighborhood's existing gas-lamps.

In response, Waggoner said that lower-temperature lights could "easily" be used instead for the

project.

McNamara asked the applicant to provide more information regarding the potential location of the new LED fixture and also said she would like to know more about exceptions for adding more ambient light in a historic district.

In another matter, the commission unanimously denied without prejudice an application that was continued from its May 20 hearing to paint the existing bays at 57 Myrtle St., after Terri Sacco, a member of the building's condo association and president of its board of trustees, indicated they would prefer that the bays not be painted and instead returned to its original color.

According to Sacco, a contractor had erroneously begun painting the metal bays with brown primer, as well as glossy black paint, but the condo association put a stop to the work as soon as they became aware of the issue. The contractor now wants to repaint them, Sacco added, even though the condo association doesn't think it's a good idea.

"Clearly, the contractor made a mistake," said Sacco, "and we don't know how we're going to resolve it."

On an application for the Union Club at 8 Park St. to install a new, approximately 90-foot chimney at the rear of the property to provide

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Charles River Watershed Associations, EPA announce water quality grades for Charles and Muddy Rivers

By John Lynds

For years Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has been releasing beach reports cards that rate the quality of the water at state-run beaches from Nahant to Nantasket.

Now the Charles River Water Watershed Associations (CRWA) and US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are getting in on the act.

For the first time the CRWA and EPA teamed up on a river report card for the Charles and Muddy Rivers.

According to the report, five out of six segments in the Charles Watershed were graded in the “A” or “B” range with the Muddy River over in the Charlesgate area being the lone exception with a “D-”.

In addition to grades for E. Coli bacteria, the Charles River is separately graded on cyanobacteria blooms and Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) discharges, which are both public health hazards, especially for boaters and other people coming into contact with the water when these contaminants are present.

According to the report cyanobacterial blooms, which have occurred with greater frequency over the past several years, are caused in part by excess phosphorus washing into the watershed from lawns and impervious surfaces. CSO discharges occur when heavy precipitation events overwhelm portions of the sewer system, and discharges of sewage mixed with stormwater are necessary to prevent sewage backups into streets and residences.

“The wide variety in Charles River grades from an A in the middle watershed to the D- in the Muddy River reflect the predominant land use around each area,” said Executive Director of the Charles River Water Association Emily Norton. “Areas with more development and impervious surface are more polluted. We have work to do to restore all areas of the Charles to be ecologically healthy.”

During the past 30 years, the focus of improving water quality in Boston Harbor has transitioned from addressing major outflows

of raw sewage being discharged into the Harbor to identifying and addressing numerous smaller sources of bacterial and other contamination further up the watersheds that discharge into Boston Harbor.

The three major watersheds—Charles River, Mystic River and Neponset River—make up a significant portion of the freshwater inputs to Boston Harbor, and all three have an impact on Boston Harbor water quality. Just as each watershed is unique, there are slight differences in how each watershed association calculates the grade.

However, the grades provide a science-based indication of what many Boston-area residents may not have realized – that bacteria concentrations in the harbor and the rivers are low in dry weather, but that there are significant problems during and after rainstorms, as well as localized problems in some of the tributaries to the rivers.

EPA New England Acting Regional Administrator Deborah Szaro said efforts by citizens and other stakeholders are continuing

to tackle these remaining problems so that all residents of Greater Boston can enjoy the benefits of clean water.

“The contributions of citizen scientists to our efforts to improve water quality in these urban rivers cannot be overstated,” said Szaro. “EPA is grateful to the three watershed associations for the scientific data collection that has helped us to direct our resources to the most critical areas in need of attention. By highlighting locations with water quality impairment, we find that we are also directing our action to improving environmental conditions for historically underserved environmental justice neighborhoods.”

Szaro added that the EPA has also taken additional actions to address elevated levels of nutrients that are harming water quality throughout the Charles River Watershed, with an eye toward how a similar approach would work in the Mystic and Neponset Watersheds.

According to the report, last year the EPA conducted a wide-reaching

process to gather stakeholder input about a potential path to address stormwater runoff from commercial, industrial, institutional, and residential properties in the Charles River Watershed that are not currently regulated. EPA is currently evaluating that input along with existing data and expects to make a decision by the end of the year.

“The Baker-Polito Administration remains committed to working with communities to address water quality issues,” said Eric Worrall, MassDEP’s Northeast Regional Director. “The investment of over \$225 million to improve wastewater, stormwater and combined sewer systems infrastructure in the Charles River, Neponset River, and Mystic River watersheds, has led to significant improvement in the water quality in all three of these important Commonwealth resources. We continue to be proud of our partnership with watershed associations and the EPA. The information we receive from citizen scientists helps to inform policy decisions that lead to cleaner waterways in the Commonwealth.”

MassDOT Advisory, deck repair work through October

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced it will be conducting deck and joint repairs on the off-ramp from the Bowker Overpass northbound to Charlesgate/Beacon Street eastbound starting Monday, July 19 through the end of October. There will be one lane closed on the ramp during construction Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The ramp will have one open lane during construction and will open back up to two lanes after each shift.

Repairs will be ongoing, consisting of concrete deck removal with jackhammers and replace-

ment with rapid set concrete, joint repair, milling, and paving of the ramp limits, and the installation of joint seals.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

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Tsyvin, a rising senior majoring

in economics, is a graduate of Belmont Hill School.

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Spillane receives local endorsements for At-Large City Council

District 8 Boston City Councilor Kenzie Bok endorses Spillane

District 8 Boston City Councilor Kenzie Bok announced her endorsement of At-Large City Council candidates Jon Spillane and Ruthzee Louijeune.

"Housing affordability is the top issue the Boston City Council must tackle to preserve and strengthen our diverse communities, so I need colleagues who have demonstrated deep commitment to housing," Councilor Bok said.

"Jon Spillane built affordable housing at Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), and then worked on expanding financial support for our local housing programs as my City Council budget director.

"Ruthzee Louijeune has fought on behalf of tenants at Boston Housing Court, and she recently helped the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA), where I serve on the board, negotiate major new private funds to support first-generation homeownership."

"Their deep experience and

capability in affordable housing will be of critical help in setting the direction for a more inclusive City in the Council's next term. I'm very proud to endorse Ruthzee and Jon for Boston City Council At Large."

Councilor Bok represents the neighborhoods of Mission Hill, Fenway, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and the West End. She chairs the Council's Ways and Means Committee and PILOT Reform Committee. Prior to her election, Bok worked at the Boston Housing Authority and helped run the successful 2016 ballot campaign to pass the Community Preservation Act in Boston.

Ruthzee Louijeune grew up in Mattapan, attended Boston Latin School, Columbia University, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and Harvard Law School, and most recently served as Senior Counsel on Elizabeth Warren's presidential and Senate campaigns. She now resides in Hyde Park. Jon Spillane, a graduate of Boston Latin School, Boston College, and Suffolk Law School, grew up in Hyde Park and now lives on Bea-

con Hill, where he served as Councilor Bok's Director of Budget and Constituent Services before launching his campaign.

Beacon Hill's State Senator, State Representative, and Ward Committee All endorse Spillane

This week, candidate for Boston City Council At-Large Jon Spillane released a major round of Beacon Hill area endorsements.

Sen. Joseph Boncore, State Rep. Jay Livingstone, and the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee each announced their endorsement of Jon Spillane, following Councilor Kenzie Bok's endorsement earlier this week.

"I am honored to earn the endorsements of Sen Boncore, Rep. Livingstone, and the Ward 5 Dems," Spillane said. "It is gratifying to receive the support of elected officials with whom I've addressed important constituent service and policy issues, as well as to receive a unanimous endorsement from the Ward 5 neighbors I've gotten to

know at holiday parties and late-night poll-dressing. I look forward to working with and representing Beacon Hill at City Hall."

"As Chair of the Transportation Committee, I want to see City Councilors At-Large with serious knowledge and interest in public transit, traffic mitigation, and road safety, and that's why I'm endorsing Jon," said Sen. Boncore. "From advocating for improved bus service and the Red-Blue connection, Jon is exactly the sort of partner, and public transit rider, our state delegation needs on the Council."

"I have worked with and known Jon professionally in his capacity as Councilor Kenzie Bok's Budget and Constituent Services Director, as well as through the Ward 5 Democratic Committee," said Rep. Livingstone. "Jon knows how to solve residents' issues and move forward policy that benefits the whole City, and I am proud to support him."

In addition to both the State Senator and State Representative, Spillane was also unanimously endorsed by the Ward 5 Democrat-

ic Committee. The Committee has a record of picking winners, and their endorsed candidates receive support through events and voter outreach across the Ward. Jon has been an active member of the committee since moving to Beacon Hill in 2016.

Sen. Boncore and Rep. Livingstone's endorsements makes Spillane one of just four At-Large challengers with support from Boston's State Delegation. With the endorsement of the Ward 5 Dems and Councilor Bok, Jon Spillane emerges as one of the most competitive candidates for two open At-Large seats. 17 candidates are running for Councilor At-Large, including two incumbents.

In addition to the crowded Mayoral election, five of the Boston City Council's thirteen members are not running for re-election, leaving three District council seats and two At-Large seats open. The next Council will not only play a major role in the COVID-19 recovery, but will also be in charge of re-drawing Council District lines based on the 2020 Census results.

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exhaust for its new heating system, the commission unanimously approved the proposed work, with the proviso that the applicant work with staff to select the chimney's color, which might be a brick shade.

The commission also unanimously approved an application for 87 Pinckney St. to replace the existing deck, as well as to replace the existing wood rail with a metal one, with proviso that the proposed metal rail is used; that the existing HVAC units be moved as close as possible to the building; and that the deck's size be reduced by 12 inches in an effort to minimize its visibility.

Likewise, the commission unanimously approved an application for 35 South Russel St. to replace in kind and laminate an existing service door to make it a means of egress for a basement space being converted into a new bedroom. This came with provisos that the paint color for the new door be submitted to staff for approval; that the proposed change in door hardware be remanded to staff; and that the applicant work with staff to eliminate or reduce the visibility of a hose bib.

On an extensive application for 1 Otis Place, which included installing a new roofdeck with glass guardrails, as well as a new

pyramidal skylight; removing the brick infill on the second floor and replacing it with a window; replacing all 64 windows on the property with wood, true divided-light, double-hung windows in the historic profile and pane configuration; configuration; painting the window trim and cornice trim with flat, which are now all gray, black; replacing the door and installing new door hardware on Mount Vernon Street; and installing a new front door and door on Otis Street, the commission approved the proposed work, with provisos that the proposed deck be denied; that details for the skylight be remanded to a new subcommit-

tee that includes at least two commission members; that windows be restored, rather than replaced; and that the new proposed second-floor window be denied, among other stipulations.

McNamara, along with Commissioners Wen Wen and Annette Given, volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

The commission also voted to deny without prejudice an application for 73 Charles St. to enlarge the gate on the rear garden wall to provide access to a new, proposed garage.

McNamara described the existing wall with its garden door as a "defining feature of that building" and one that shouldn't be altered to allow for the storage of vehicles.

The commission also remanded an extensive application Charles Street Garage at 144 Charles St. to subcommittee including no less

than two commissioners.

McNamara, along with commissioners Wen and Alice Richmond, volunteered to serve on the subcommittee, and their meetings, like other commission subcommittee meetings, will be open to the public.

The applicant, who intends to transform the four-story garage, 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, previously appeared before the commission for an advisory hearing at the June 17 meeting.

Two other applications, for 88 Pinckney St. and for 39-41 Mount Vernon St., respectively, were both removed from the agenda at the request of both of their applicants.

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Garcia, Jose D	Loomes, David	14 Clarendon St #402	\$1,325,000
Bassil, Natalie	2 Clarendon Street 610	2 Clarendon St #610	\$789,750
Darrow, Kamiko L	Morris Silver T	103 Marlborough St #3	\$770,000
John H Quinn Jr T	Thomas M Mccarthy RET	146 Marlborough St #6	\$675,000
Lundgren, Patrick	Noyes-Corrigan, Patricia	236 Marlborough St #3	\$1,825,000
Cuppa RT	Scioletti, Lauren A	300 Commonwealth Ave #802	\$2,675,000
Cuppa RT	Scioletti, Lauren A	300 Commonwealth Ave #803	\$2,675,000
ANZ Investments LLC	Feingold, Felise B	376 Marlborough St #5	\$790,000
BEACON HILL			
Malan, David J	Watertown Hldg LLC	61 Beacon St #2	\$1,725,000
Rowland, Paul	J C Hessler T 2001	109 Chestnut St #4	\$1,325,000
Figueroa, Amparo L	Markgraf, Christopher T	36 Hancock St #7A	\$900,000
Li, Pei	Hartel, Greg	6 Phillips St #3	\$602,000
Callaghan, Shane	54R Riv St Lower Mills	54-R River St #11	\$699,000
Ebenezer, Chitra	Motley, Colin J	38 S Russell St #1	\$1,500,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Welch, Katrina	Murga, Mikel A	23 Braddock Park #2	\$1,250,000
Lipnick, Scott	Benjamin, Evan	108 Chandler St #2	\$743,000
AC Massachusetts LLC	KCW Boston Properties	1 Charles St S #906	\$2,000,000
V Karapanou RET 2014	Ruben, Michael	285 Columbus Ave #806	\$1,285,000
Connors, Michael D	James M Totton T	301-319 Columbus Ave #701	\$2,470,000
Caljouw, Michael	160 Comm Avenue RT	160 Commonwealth Ave #614	\$1,345,000
Granese, Nicholas V	Joan F Blake RET	239 Commonwealth Ave #14	\$532,000
Halfkenny, Damian	Zhao, Ruifang	15 Guild St #201	\$635,000
Palladinetti, Michael	Cahaly, John	9-11 Harcourt St #201	\$1,515,000
Freeman, Joseph S	NJS RT	20 Melrose St #20	\$2,725,000
Patten, Caroline A	Primiano, Christopher B	217 W Canton St #3	\$1,130,000
Root-Ganong, Lilly	Sherman, John W	144 Warren Ave #1	\$2,275,000
Calen Angert 2019 T	Romano, Michael	15 Warren Ave #8	\$2,190,000
ANZ Investments LLC	Wang, Jenny J	169 Warren Ave #2	\$720,000
Mcmurtry, Michael S	Somma, Louis C	909 Beacon St #2	\$950,000
Ati T	Bartelle, Benjamin B	52 Charlesgate E #157	\$499,000
Kerney, John A	MKM Haffenreffer T	499 Columbus Ave #5	\$932,500
34 Dwight RT	Laliberte, Jeffrey S	34 Dwight St #1	\$2,730,000
Alhafez, Abdulkarim	Kotseas FT	21 Father Francis Gilday St	\$1,150,000
Jones, Daniel B	Stephenson, Harry D	21 Father Francis Gilday St	\$785,000
Scott, Kory M	Wilhelm, Robert	40 Fay St #602	\$720,000
Shi, Yujiang G	Kish, Patrice M	114 Fenway #6	\$1,219,000
James Kelly Benton LT	Sy, Julio	102 Gainsborough St #205E	\$870,000
James Kelly Benton LT	Sy, Julio	108 Gainsborough St #205E	\$870,000
Fitzgerald, Gail	78 Gains LLC	78 Gainsborough St #5E	\$818,000
Maisonet, Isabella M	Seigel, David E	735 Harrison Ave #W107	\$875,000
Real Estate Boston LLC	Sanchez, Elizabeth	39 Hemenway St #26	\$855,000
Sim, Jaehyun	Schwartz, Elizabeth L	668 Massachusetts Ave #1	\$845,000
Dolan, James	Engle, Jennifer A	32 Rutland Sq #2	\$739,000
119 St Botolph LLC	Gwon RT	119-1/2 Saint Botolph St	\$4,525,000
Wiggans, Amanda	Jones, Keri	255 Shawmut Ave #3	\$1,575,000
Yang, Guang	Myers, James	21 Symphony Rd #1B	\$485,000
Sullivan, Laura A	Marr, Stephanie R	604 Tremont St #4	\$1,275,000
Merrill, Finley O	Ciummei, Michael	30 Union Park St #404	\$1,400,000
Ahern, Allyson K	Mooney, Thomas J	116 W Concord St #3	\$850,000
Jameson, Kenneth A	Kulig, Lawrence R	221 W Springfield St #3	\$1,135,000
Thomas, Lynnell L	Lao, Joy	1672-R Washington St #202	\$635,000
Wang, Clark	Shafiee, Hadi	43 Westland Ave #609	\$847,000
Clinton, Holly	Ritchie, Christopher T	69 Worcester St #5	\$1,925,000
Durante, Kathleen	Valentine, Derek	73 Worcester St #2	\$1,220,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
James R Rotta 2011 RET	Olsen, Mary A	2 Avery St #26H	\$1,535,000
Heller, Matthew S	3JJJ Co LLC	3 Avery St #703	\$539,000
Darman, Linda	Moore, James J	3 Battery Wharf #3506	\$2,695,000
Kumar, Rasesh	Patricia R Bell RET	80 Broad St #405	\$618,000
Holiday RT	Hegarty, John J	65 E India Row #19H	\$520,000
Zavaliagos, George	Collamati, Dominic J	85 E India Row #5H	\$710,000
Wei, Yiming	Millennium Tower 1007 RT	1 Franklin St #1007	\$1,775,000
Redbord, Michael L	Forbes, Carolyn	120 Lincoln St #6A	\$760,000
Howley, Brennan	Spiro, Westley J	70 Lincoln St #L617	\$600,000
Lavin, Thomas A	1 Franklin 2003 Rlty NT	300 Pier 4 Blvd #4R	\$2,425,000
Lincoln, Rush B	Castro-Rosas, Carlos	199 State St #501	\$1,150,000
Reich, Christian	Hermisdorf, Janine	151 Tremont St #14F	\$2,050,000
Reich, Christian	Hermisdorf, Janine	151 Tremont St #14G	\$2,050,000

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The cornice and windows in the last clue are on 145 Charles Street, home to "The King and I" restaurant for more than 30 years. A 1995 copy of "Mr. Cheap's Guide to Boston" praised both the food and the value for your money. A quick look at current reviews on Yelp confirms that these standards have been maintained.

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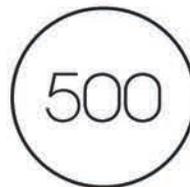


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