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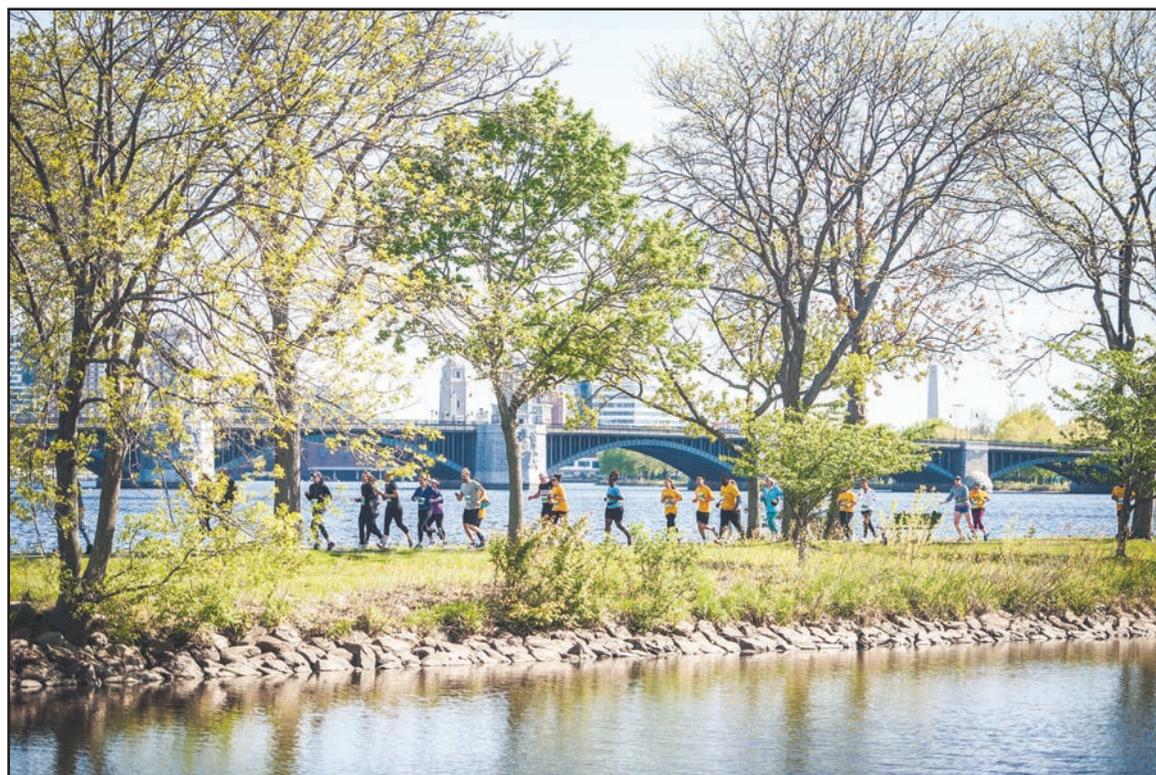


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Runners are seen near the Storrow Lagoon during the 2019 Esplanade 5K presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Esplanade 5K returns on Aug. 29

By Dan Murphy

The eagerly awaited Esplanade 5K, which was held virtually last year due to the pandemic, will return to the park as an in-person footrace on Sunday, Aug. 29, kicking off at the DCR Hatch Memorial Shell at 9 a.m.

Runners of all levels and abilities are encouraged to participate in the footrace, which takes a riverfront route along the Charles and offers unparalleled water and garden views against the backdrops of both the Boston and Cambridge skylines. Proceeds from the event, which is again presented by Blue

Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, go directly to support the work of the Esplanade Association to revitalize and enhance the park.

“We’re trying to faithfully bring back as many things in person as possible, and the 5K was a signature event that we’re happy to bring back, as well as one of our longest-running events,” said Michael Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Association.

For the first time year, the Esplanade Association is planning a Community Day to “wrap around” the 5K, said Nichols, with family-friendly events taking place throughout the park, includ-

ing a Groundbeat concert, presented in partnership with BAMS (Boston Art & Music Soul) Fest, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Hatch Shell.

“BAMS Fest is overjoyed to partner with The Esplanade Association to curate the lineup for their annual GroundBeat series,” wrote Catherine T. Morris, founder and executive director of BAMS Fest. “Over the years, we have been fortunate to present over a dozen of local Black and Brown artists and bands. The Hatch Shell is a beautiful place and we are excited to

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Artist Janet Zweig to create interactive public sculpture

Special to the Times

In celebration of the Friends of the Public Garden’s 50th anniversary in Boston, famed public artist Janet Zweig will unveil a large, participatory public sculpture – a hand-crafted, double-sided, wooden cabinet with removable illuminated markers that invite discussion about ownership for an installation called “What Do We Have In Common?” beginning Sept. 22 on the Boston Common.

The Boston Common is a powerful backdrop for this experience.

Prior to the arrival of Europeans, the land that became the Common was occupied by the Massachusetts tribe that considered all land to be held in common. As America’s first public park, it has 387 years of history. It has witnessed executions, sermons, protests, and celebrations. It has hosted famous visitors and everyday gatherings of friends and family. The earliest townspeople grazed their cows and beat their rugs on the Common. The arrival of Boston’s public water system in 1848 was heralded by a Water Celebration at the

Common’s Frog Pond attended by thousands. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke from Parkman Bandstand on April 23, 1965, after a mile-long freedom march through the streets of Boston. On Oct. 1, 1979, Pope John Paul II celebrated the first papal mass in North America to 400,000 people.

“What Do We Have In Common?” is curated by Now + There, a non-profit public art organization bringing temporary, site-specific artworks to all neighborhoods of Boston, and the installation will

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Inbox Appeal

Mayoral candidates use e-mail inundation this time for fundraising and exposure

By Seth Daniel

There’s one way this summer to know that the end of the month is coming – and that is by the inundation of fundraising e-mails that storm inboxes from all five major mayoral candidates appealing for financial help with personal stories, outrages of the day or simply pushing the narrative that time is running out to meet important goals.

One e-mail address from this newspaper that has the attention of all five major mayoral candidates got approximately 35 e-mails in two days from the candidates’ digital fundraising operations at the end of last month – each using the addressee’s first name and seemingly knowing some details about the owner of that address. While such operations have been common on the federal and state level for some time, this is the first open-seat mayoral race with

numerous candidates since 2013, and so it’s also the first time that new technology like e-mail digital fundraising operations have trickled down to a major municipal election in Boston. Experts say it’s likely a trend that will only expand and go further down the political office chain.

It can be a little creepy, and they are prolific, but according to political science experts – they are efficient and successful.

“There has been a huge expansion of digital fundraising, especially since the mid- to late- 2000s when it was utilized so successfully by the Obama campaign,” said Northeastern Professor Costas Panagopoulos, chair of the Political Science Department, who noted it was actually Republican John McCain that first used the technology. “The Obama fundraising success is what put him on

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India Day Festival returning to Hatch Shell on Aug. 15

By Dan Murphy

After a three-year absence, with the event going virtual last year due to the pandemic and moving to City Hall Plaza for two years in both 2018 and 2019, respectively, the India Association of Greater Boston’s long-running India Day Festival is returning to the DCR Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade on Sunday, Aug. 15,

from 3 to 7 p.m.

The India Association of Greater Boston (IAGB) was started as a socio-cultural organization with the goal of bringing the area’s Indian community together in 1962 and held its first India Day Festival soon afterwards. And from the 1980s until 2017, the event was

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The last India Day Festival took place on the Esplanade in 2017.

EDITORIAL

A BLEAK FUTURE FOR THE EARTH

The report released this week by the United Nations detailing the impending effects of climate change in the near future because of our rapidly-warming atmosphere paints the starkest picture yet of what awaits life on Earth as we know it if we do not change our ways.

Our planet has warmed by an average of 1.1 degrees Celsius since mankind started belching carbon gases into the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels in the late 19th century.

Scientists have long told us that an increase of 1.5 degrees in global temperature represents the tipping point at which life as we know it becomes all but impossible. Almost all of today's living creatures, both in the oceans and on the land, will not survive if the Earth becomes that hot.

We already are seeing the dramatic and dire consequences of what happens at our present 1.1 C level: The polar ice sheets are melting, the permafrost areas in the Arctic Circle in Siberia are catching fire, epic floods are striking everywhere, massive superstorms threaten coastlines, out-of-control wildfires scorch vast swaths of forest acreage and pollute the air across hundreds of miles, coral reef bleaching is turning our oceans floors into dead zones, and heat waves are killing humans and animal life in every corner of the globe.

The U.N. report basically states that an increase to 1.3 Celsius already is baked (no pun intended) into the next 20 years or less, with every .10 increase adding exponentially to the damage. In other words, no matter what we do, things are going to get worse.

On the other hand, perhaps the only good news in the report is that the increase to 1.5 is not inevitable -- but that is ONLY if we adopt policies now and we put them into place starting today. The global economy cannot turn on the proverbial dime, but we can move incrementally over the next 20 years to eliminate the carbon footprint of each and every human being so that the 1.5 threshold is not breached.

The bottom line is that we are running out of time to save the planet and preserve civilization as we know it. Some might point to the high economic cost of changing our consumption of energy from fossil fuels to clean alternatives. And to be sure, that conversion will cost trillions of dollars over the next two decades.

But the costs of climate-related catastrophes -- in both economic and human terms -- soon will far outweigh whatever the price may be to convert to clean energy.

Unless we change our ways, there literally will be no place on Earth that will be safe to live. To paraphrase the great heavyweight boxing champ Joe Louis, we can try to run from climate change, but there will be nowhere on our planet to hide.

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GUEST OP-ED

What life requires

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Willingness to try and to learn new skills is imperative to navigating life. There is always more to learn.

Learning happens in school, through trial and error, personal research and time spent with others who already know what you need to learn.

You can learn a lot from listening to others. Listening is one of the greatest tools of financial and life security. If you will listen you will know what you know plus what you are hearing.

The ability to listen and focus in a class is essential for a student's success. Listening to your workplace boss, or someone who is training you is imperative. When someone is telling you how to do something you have potential to grow as a person. Someone is giving you knowledge that will provide you with the ability to perform a task.

A major detriment to the success of learning from teachers, mentors and trainers is distraction. Many people struggle with this problem naturally. Attention Deficit, Hyperactivity Disorder plagues

millions of America's children and adults. Too often school children are never diagnosed and struggle all through school. Adults carry this problem with them in different ways for years and sometimes most of their lives. Understanding that you, a family member or someone you work with has this problem at least gives you a better perspective. Diagnosis by a trained professional can be extremely helpful to the individual, family, teachers and those impacted in the workplace. Everyone has a chance of dealing with what they know.

New forms of distraction have come on the scene in recent years. Spam telephone calls seem to come at me ten or more times a day. Unwanted text messages, spam email and social media distraction bombard us. Too many times we have heard of auto accidents because someone was trying to read or send a text message will driving. Cars now have bigger screens, wi-fi, telephones, hundreds of radio stations. There's a lot to distract us.

While distraction is a major source of some of our problems, focus is the key to solving many of our problems. The problem with

focus is that we can't focus on everything. Determining our priorities is essential and sometimes that's where life is difficult. Too often we have a list of many priorities. The only way to really accomplish and succeed is to determine what is most important and to put our energy and minds into making the "most important" successful.

Family, school, career, sports, business, hobbies and more provide us with many choices to make every day. You have to decide which is most important and put your heart and strength into it. Whatever it is will work out better.

Jesus understood this. He told his followers the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength. That is focus. Focus is what anything worth doing normally requires.

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held on the Esplanade, said Sanjay Gowda, IAGB President

The festival always takes on a weekend around India Independence Day, which commemorates the country's independence from the United Kingdom on Aug. 15, 1947, said Gowda, and attendance in recent years has ranged from 8,000 to 15,000, depending on the weather, among other factors.

When the festival took place virtually last year, it afforded the IAGB the opportunity to stage a bigger event, said Gowda, that included a concert with "high-quality performers."

This year, the festival will have three parts, said Gowda, including first, the "cultural performance or entertainment program."

For the second part, vendors

from all over New England, he said, will be selling their wares, including Indian crafts, jewelry, and clothing on site.

Third, the Food Mela, added Gowda, will feature booths from five area restaurants serving up cuisine from all over India.

"This is a free event, open to all, and a celebration of the largest democracy in the land of the oldest in the land of democracy," he said, "as well as a celebration of democracy, a celebration of unity, and a celebration of the Indian American community."

Michael Nichols executive director of the Esplanade Association, said his group is thrilled to see India Day Festival making its return to the park this summer.

"We love having the park serve as a venue for all manner of musi-

cal and cultural programming," said Nichols, "and it's great to see the India Day Festival back on the Esplanade."

Likewise, Gowda is pleased to see the event again returning to the Esplanade.

"The Esplanade is a beautiful, iconic place, and the India Association of Greater Boston is proud to celebrate India Day every year for several decades," said Gowda. "It attracts everyone and is the perfect spot for the entire family to enjoy the events at the Hatch Shell and other activities along the river."

Visit iagb.org for more information on India Day Festival, or iagb.org/sponsorship/ for sponsorship opportunities.

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bring a little magic and our culture to this space.”

A nonprofit dedicated to breaking down racial and social barriers in the arts across Greater Boston, BAMS Fest has previously partnered with the Esplanade Association on its award-winning “GroundBeat: The Esplanade’s Free Riverfront Music Series.”

Meanwhile, the Esplanade Association is encouraging runners to stop by their office at 575 Boylston St., Suite 4R, to pick up their bibs before the race in an effort to reduce long lines and unnecessary crowds on the day of the event.

Nichols expects participation will fall somewhere between—the 1,000 runners that the event typically drew in pre-pandemic times and 300 - the number that took part in last year’s virtual 5K.

Runners from three countries (the U.S., Brazil and India) and 13 states participated in last year’s virtual race, which took place from June 1 to 7, 2020. Within that timeframe, participants were allowed run or walk 5K (3.1 miles) anywhere in the world at their own pace.

This year, however, is a different story, with the footrace returning to its traditional format.

“There’s probably not time for it to sell out,” Nichols said Monday, “but for a variety of reasons, we wouldn’t mind a smaller event this year.”

With this in mind, safety measures will be in place for this year’s footrace, said Nichols, including taking steps to keep runners a safe distance apart from each other.

Order your bib for the footrace for \$25 each (or \$20 each for Esplanade Association members, or a bib and one-year membership to the Esplanade Association for \$40) at <https://sub5racing.redpodium.com/esplanade-5k-2021>.

To register a team for your group or company, contact Samuel Englert at senglert@esplanade.org.

If you are interested in volunteering for the event, email Christine Francois at cfrancois@esplanade.org.



PHOTO BY BRENT DOSCHER

Runners participating in the 2019 Esplanade 5K.

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also be part performance. Boston-based Guides will pull out blue illuminated markers from the cabinet each day and engage passersby in conversation around questions printed on the markers such as: “Who Owns the Moon?” “Who Owns the Shadows?” and “Who Owns Happiness?” “Who Owns the Trees?” At night, the cabinet and markers will glow, lighting up the park as a reminder of the care needed to protect the beauty and dynamism of public spaces that we own in common. “What Do We Have In Common?” will be on view for 30 days.

“What Janet Zweig has so poetically brought to light is the crux of this work of being stewards of common resources: bringing people together to take care of something we all deeply value. Our partnership over these past 50 years has made us stronger and it makes our parks better for future generations,” said Liz Vizza, Friends of the Public Garden President.

The cabinet will also serve as a Giving Library for the public to take texts on the theme of shared resources. There will be fiction, poetry, children’s books, and histories of Boston Common, available for all to take and book plates will be signed by Zweig. Reflective of the Common’s rich cultural diversity, 34 of the 200 markers in the cabinet will be in Spanish, Haitian Creole, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, and Cape Verdean Creole. Many of the Guides, who will be prompting conversations with the public, will self-identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

Now + There’s Executive Director Kate Gilbert adds: “Participatory public art enlivens spaces and galvanizes people. With Janet Zweig’s decades-long history of

sparkling contemplation through subtly whimsical approaches, plus the 10 Boston area citizens acting as the pulse of ‘What Do We Have In Common?’, we’re posing provocative questions that invite reflection and discussion about commonality in a way that encourages everyone to be part of crafting alternative solutions. This is the power of public art.”

For Zweig, who lived in Boston and Cambridge in the 1980s and now resides in New York, this is her first public art commission in Boston. She has worked in the public art realm since the 1990s, consistently creating work that speaks to environmental issues. Her major projects include a kinetic installation on a pier along the Sacramento River, a performance space in a prairie on a Kansas City downtown green roof, a generative sentence wall in downtown Columbus, a light installation and memorial in Pittsburgh, a system-wide interactive project for eleven Light Rail train stations in Minneapolis, and a 1200’ frieze at the Prince Street subway in New York. While she has created public sculpture, interactive works, and performance, “What Do We Have in Common?” seamlessly brings all three elements together for the first time.

“After much research, I had more questions than answers about the idea of commons,” Zweig said. “The markers ask a lot of those questions. I am hoping the Guides, who spread the markers to the wider public around the park over the month, will facilitate many questions including an important one for us all: What do we have in common?”

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the map in 2008. One of the main reasons for it was so many small donors giving in small amounts. Those small donations add up to very large sums. Campaigns have been leaning on digital fundraising technology ever since in presidential races.

“Local campaigns now are as professional as higher level campaigns and this technology can be used in even very small races,” he continued. “It’s so scalable. It exists and it’s right there to take advantage of whether it’s for a presidential campaign or for dog catcher.”

Suffolk University Political Science Professor Ken Cosgrove said it’s more than just e-mails in the inbox, but it’s a serious digital operation that targets voters in different neighborhoods with different stories and pleas. He said one person in one part of the city may get a different e-mail than another person – and sometimes two people in the same home can get different, tailored pleas for fundraising.

“This is one of the things that Trump brought back to Republicans that they were good at in the 1980s,” he said. “You can raise a lot of money three dollars at a time and several times over. Barack Obama also did a great job expanding on that idea. People think it’s only \$3 and only one Starbucks coffee a week. It doesn’t sound like much...You have to talk about these candidates now as consumer products and this is an offshoot of it. They are selling you something – policies and stories...The fundraising e-mails are important for that because they tell you stories that will make you feel good and then give them money, or will make you so mad you’ll give them even more money... With all this technology and databases from Google and Facebook, they even know who you are. This technology is very efficient because it’s easy and you can raise more money. I’m not surprised it’s being used this way in the mayoral election this time.”

Cosgrove added that the companies used by the candidates for digital fundraising use databases and information from places like Facebook Audiences and Google to find voters by neighborhood, by race, by profession and even by religion. He said they have learned to make tailored appeals to like-audiences using a number of different criteria.

So, when those e-mails asking for donations and talking about a warm and fuzzy story, or a contentious policy argument, hit one’s inbox – it comes after a great deal of digital research on each person.

Councilor Andrea Campbell’s campaign utilizes the technology with great success so far, using the national company known as MissionWired – which has done similar work for campaigns like President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris in 2020. In June, Campbell’s mayoral campaign spent \$27,000 on services from MissionWired companies and has shown strong fund-raising numbers most every month as a result.

Her campaign said they didn’t want to directly comment on their strategies for fundraising, but did comment that roughly 50 percent of their donations have been raised online.

Councilor Michelle Wu’s campaign has also utilized the e-mail fundraising to a great degree, spending \$5,000 in June with Authentic Campaigns – another major player in the digital space. The campaign said they have been successful using the new tool to reach people where they’re at and allow more people to participate in the fundraising aspect of the campaign.

“We’re proud to have the greatest number of grassroots donors and volunteers in this race,” read a statement from the campaign. “Reaching out by email has helped us meet people where they’re at to power our campaign—whether by pitching in a few dollars or giving their time.”

Acting Mayor Kim Janey’s team has also utilized such technology and spent \$4,500 with Battleaxe Digital in June for digital fundraising. Campaign manager Kirby Chandler said it is one tool of many they are using to build grassroots support and buy-in.

“We use a number of tools to activate our grassroots supporters and contributors whether via email, texts or social media,” said Chandler. “While fundraising is a part of that outreach, it is also meant to keep supporters up to date on the campaign and the Mayor’s work on behalf of the residents of Boston.”

Councilor Annissa Essaibi George’s campaign spent \$16,000 with Liberty Square Group and LB Strategies in June for digital work, including e-mails that they said have been successful in reaching donors at critical times and to inform campaign supporters of work that’s going on.

“We use fundraising emails at the end of the month to boost our numbers and make that last minute push with a sense of urgency,” read a statement from the campaign. “Sometimes we choose to send short ‘reminder’ emails such as the one (the paper) is using as an example, and sometimes we

provide more of a fun campaign update. We also use these fundraising emails to boost engagement amongst our list and make sure we are regularly using it to our advantage.”

John Barros’s campaign also uses the e-mails, but to a much lesser extent and at a much lower cost. In June, that campaign paid \$340 to MailChimp for sending out fundraising e-mails and other communications.

They did not respond with a comment for this story on their digital activities.

Panagopoulos said don’t expect such fundraising practices locally to fade out with the pandemic, as they were around prior to the pandemic and will continue to expand their reach afterwards. He said it is a cheap, user-friendly way for campaigns to raise money fast from a lot of people, while also keeping them connected to the campaign. It has also come at a time when people have grown more comfortable making online purchases using their credit card, and so they aren’t as wary to contribute online using that same credit card – and reporting contributions to state agencies is made far easier than it was when people sent checks and gave cash.

“It makes it so much easier and it’s a relatively easy way to go about fundraising these days,” he said. “It’s also useful for larger contributions too. People don’t have to go out and find the campaign to give them a check. Even without a pandemic, this kind of fundraising is way easier in contemporary campaigns.”

ALL ABOARD FOR THE ‘MERCH STORE’ EXPRESS

Another aspect of the digital campaign fundraising arm is what has now become known as a ‘Merch Store,’ or an online campaign merchandise store.

For some candidates, gone are the days of handing out combs, fingernail files and bumper stickers with their logos for free to supporters and potential voters. Instead, some candidates choose to open a merchandising operation, said Suffolk University Professor Ken Cosgrove. That action goes hand-in-hand with the digital fundraising e-mails. He said when people give their money, and are encouraged with a tailored story, they will often want to buy something to support that action afterward.

Therein lies the magic fundraising capabilities of the ‘Merch Store.’

“It’s smart because you turn people into your mobilized ad

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Andrea CAMPBELL
for
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There is a lot of work ahead, Seth – for this team and for Boston. But there's also such a bright future beyond that horizon.

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We only have TWO more monthly deadlines left until the preliminary election – and our next one is just days away, at midnight on Friday. We're setting a massive goal of raising \$20,000 between now and then, but won't get there without you. Will you rush a donation right now to help elect Andrea as the mayor who will transform Boston for all?

**JOHN
BARROS**
FOR MAYOR

Friend,

Yesterday I released a plan to reimagine and increase community safety. Because everyone, in every neighborhood, should be able to grow up and live their lives feeling safe in Boston. Our city has been rattled with violence and the time for a human-centered approach to public safety is now.

Boston mayoral candidate John Barros pitches plan for a non-

Michelle
FOR MAYOR

Seth,

When we launched this campaign last September, I was in awe at how Bostonians from every community, every background, and every lived experience came together to support our movement.

Every day since then, I've still been amazed to see what we've been able to accomplish so far together. It's been truly incredible.

As we approach the primary election in just 48 days, I wanted to reach out with an important request that will impact this campaign's future.

I've seen how this team has put in the effort to power our work, and I'm so grateful. Now, we need to keep it up. Before tonight's midnight fundraising deadline, will you help continue growing our movement by making a grassroots contribution?

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force and they pay you to do it,” he said. “That’s something that Trump brought to politics with his red hats. It took a professional marketer and salesman like him to bring that to politics, but it’s here. It’s no different than the Bruins or Red Sox gear people wear around. It doesn’t cost much to make this stuff and you can make a good chunk of change selling it. In a race with this many candidates, building brand recognition matters.”

To this point, Councilor Wu has opened a Merch Store, using the familiar purple colors with ‘Wu!’ emblazoned on the materials for sale.

Acting Mayor Janey has one of the more robust Merch Stores, with her purple and dark yellow colors on T-Shirts, hats, stickers and more. She has even premiered a T-Shirt in her colors that says, ‘Madame Mayor.’

DeLuca's owner agrees to postpone Licensing Board date to work on good neighbor agreement

By Dan Murphy

DeLuca's Market owner Virgil Aiello has agreed to postpone his scheduled hearing with the city's Licensing Board as he works on hammering out a good-neighbor agreement with the Beacon Hill Civic Association regarding his plans to offer table service, including beer and wine, at the market's Charles Street location.

The business, which currently has an all-alcohol "off-premises" license, is seeking an "on premises" beer-and-wine license from the city, which would allow them to offer these beverages in conjunction with its existing 20-seat Common Victualler (CV) License. If their application is approved, table service would be offered from noon to 9 p.m., daily, said Aiello, with beer and wine served only with menu items, including the sandwiches, specialty cheeses, and charcuterie boards that the market already sells.

"Our customers have asked for [this service], and we see that it would be of interest to both residents and tourists who come to Beacon Hill," said Aiello during an Aug. 4 meeting on his application sponsored by the BHCA Zoning and Licensing Committee. "We don't anticipate the business changing in any [other] way."

Seated dining would be offered at four tables located near the existing self-serve coffee machines on the right-hand side of the store while facing the building, said Aiello, and a new entrance would be created to directly access this area.

(DeLuca's comprises three connected buildings at 7, 9, and 11 Charles St., respectively, with the proposed location for the dining area at 7 Charles St., according to Tom Clemens, committee co-chair.)

The market has also received approval from the city to set up another four-person table on the

sidewalk outside the store, said Aiello, and if their application for the beer-and-wine license is approved, dining service would be offered there as well.

"The four seats outside the store are not set up yet, but we believe they would be included in the 20 seats," said Aiello, who added that unseated patrons wouldn't be served drinks or food. "We're pretty satisfied with 16 seats inside and four outside."

DeLuca's has a full kitchen in the back, he added, along with ample refrigeration space for food items and beer, as well as sufficient storage space for trash.

As for providing on-site restrooms for patrons, two non-ADA accessible facilities are located on the market's ground level near where the proposed dining area would be situated, said Aiello, while a unisex, ADA-accessible restroom in the basement would be accessible via an elevator near the kitchen after patrons have passed through a passageway (which connect the three adjoining buildings comprising DeLuca's) to reach it.

Echoing his statements from the July 14 city-sponsored abutters' meeting, Aiello said the store's 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. But, he added, former DeLuca's staff members and others in the restaurant business, who are "licensed to serve alcohol" and equipped "to handle large crowds" are on "standby," if needed.

Aiello said his daughters, ages 41 and 31, respectively, have expressed interest in taking over DeLuca's when he retires.

"My two daughters have expressed interest in operating the business," he said. "I would sign it over and change licenses to them when they take over, and they would establish a new business



DeLuca's Market on Charles Street.

and run it on their own with the DeLuca's name."

(Aiello owns both the market's Charles Street and Newbury Street locations, he said, while the Charles Street building that's home to DeLuca's is in a family trust, which includes him as one of the beneficiaries.)

Asked where a box truck owned by the business is usually parked, Aiello responded it has a residential sticker, and is usually parked in a residential space on Branch Street.

Aiello also responded to questions about the temporary closure of the Charles Street market by the city's Board of Health approximately four or five years ago, saying this came after the city had issued them violations for storing food at improper temperatures, unsanitary conditions in the kitchen, and things like that. "After the violations were issued, the market's effort to remedy the situation weren't to the city's satisfaction, he added, so the business was closed briefly pending a hearing with the Board of Health.

Additionally, while the city had investigated Aiello after residents alleged he had removed food items from DeLuca's on Charles Street following a four-alarm blaze there in 2010 and resold them at the Newbury Street store, he said he was eventually cleared of the alle-

gations, and that the city took "no disciplinary action on the liquor or Common Victualler licenses" at that time.

Concerns over these incidents were previously raised at the virtual July 14 abutters meeting when most of the around 25 abutters and neighbors in attendance strongly opposed granting DeLuca's a beer-and-wine license.

Molly Griffin, the city's newly named neighborhood liaison to Beacon Hill, said since that meeting, the city has received 13 letters regarding the DeLuca's proposal - three in support, one of non-opposition, and nine opposing, with critics of the plan citing health-code violations, frequent improper storage of trash, and the proposed addition of an outdoor table amid already congested sidewalk conditions, among other concerns.

Those who supported the proposal, she added, said they were pleased to "see a refreshing new space in an historic store in an historic neighborhood" and also encouraged the city to support businesses, including DeLuca's, coming out of the pandemic.

All of the letters, along feedback from the abutters meeting, have been "put on record" by the city, said Griffin, and forwarded to the city's Licensing Board for consideration in making their determination on the DeLuca's application

for the license.

At the conclusion of the Aug. 4 meeting, Aiello agreed to defer his upcoming hearing date with the Licensing Board, and to work on a good neighbor agreement with the BHCA in the meantime. The Zoning and Licensing Committee voted to defer the matter until the next BHCA board meeting on Sept. 13 when it will go to the full board for a vote. (At that time, the board will likely decide whether to send the city a letter of non-opposition or opposition in regard to the application.)

Had Aiello not acquiesced to the request for the good neighbor agreement, the BHCA would've sent a "standing letter of opposition" to the city regarding the DeLuca's application, said Clemens.

Nine members supported the motion, and there was one vote non-opposition, while Meghan Awe, president of the BHCA board, cast the only vote against it.

The good neighbor agreement that Aiello will enter into with the BHCA would be similar to the one that he and his brother, Bob, entered into with the group in 2013 when DeLuca's on Charles Street applied for their CV license, while the new one will be revised to reflect the terms of their current application with the city, according to Clemens.

Landmarks Commission gives green light for demolition of three historic West End buildings

By Dan Murphy

The Boston Landmarks Commission voted during a virtual meeting held Aug. 10 to waive a 90-day demolition delay for three historic West End buildings that will be razed as part of Mass General Hospital's planned expansion.

MGH intends to demolish the building at 16-18 Blossom St., the former Winchell Elementary School building (a.k.a. Ruth Sleeper Hall) at 24 Blossom St., and the former Tenement House building at 23-25 North Anderson St. - three of about a dozen buildings from the old West End

that survived urban renewal - to make way for a pair of connected 12-story towers located within the campus to provide the hospital with much-needed new hospital beds, along with new clinical and lab and clinical space, as well as 971 below-grade parking spaces.

Tom Sieniewicz, a partner with the architectural firm, NBBJ Design, said the project team had considered 25 different alternatives, including preserving the existing buildings; relocating them; preserving their facades in place; and relocating the existing facades, before determining that

they would result in the loss of proposed health and clinical services or would disrupt the construction sequencing, among other potential adverse consequences. If the buildings were relocated, they also would have likely suffered structural damage in the process, he added.

City Councilor Kenzie Bok, who, together with Rep. Jay Livingstone, worked diligently with the project team to find alternatives to demolishing the three buildings, said none of them proved feasible.

"These are valuable buildings, and this is a tough thing to lose

them," said Councilor Bok, "but a bunch of us who really care about buildings and the history of the neighborhood have been digging deep in the weeds for a long time ...and think everything has been done on the MGH side to preserve these buildings."

Councilor Bok also praised MGH for the proposed mitigation for the project, which includes preserving the façade of the Winchell School and integrating it into the new development; and issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a maintenance garage the hospital owns at 12 Garden St. for poten-

tial reuse as affordable housing, as well as providing financial and other support to the Old West Church, the Museum of African American History, and the West End Museum, among other area organizations.

In particular, Councilor Bok lauded the hospital's commitment to transform a property it owns at 75 Blossom Court, now home to a small grocery store, J. Pace & Son, into a much-needed community and senior center for the West End.

Echoing Councilor Bok, Rep.

WATER SPORTS ON THE CHARLES

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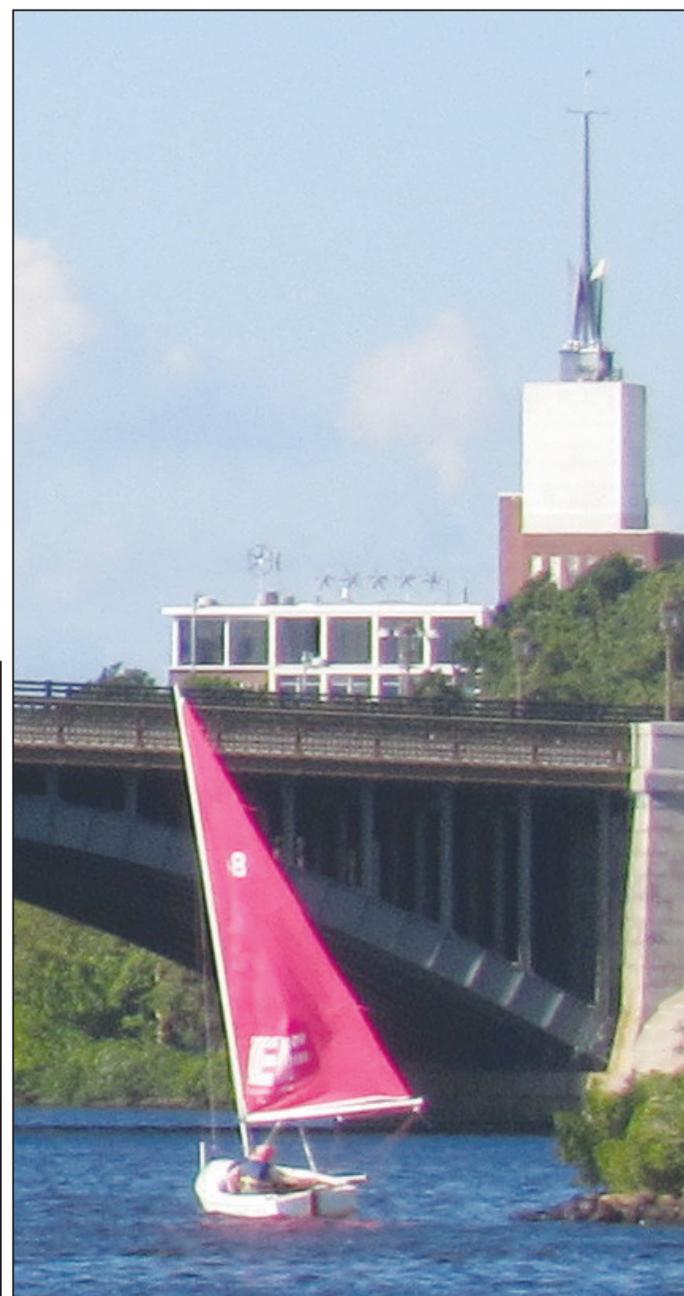
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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

MAYOR KIM JANEY'S NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOURS COMING AUG. 16

Mayor Kim Janey and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will bring the 2021 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series on Monday, Aug. 16, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. to the Commonwealth Ave. Mall (use the Arlington Street entrance).

Mayor Janey's Neighborhood Coffee Hours are a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and other features in their neighborhoods. Participants will enjoy Dunkin' Iced Coffee and assorted MUNCHKINS donut hole treats provided by Dunkin'. Fresh fruit will be provided by Star Market. In addition, each family in attendance will receive a free flowering plant provided by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, while supplies last. Residents at the event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin', including Dunkin' swag and gift cards.

For more information and updates on possible weather cancellations, please contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505, on our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, or by visiting the Parks Department website.

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.

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.

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.

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

Upstairs Downstairs and the Spirit of 69 Charles St.

The Spirit of 69 Charles St. at Upstairs Downstairs Home has been the signature umbrella campaign of unique events and special promotions of the venerable antique and home decor store since moving to its new location at 69 Charles St. in January of this year.

The "Spirit of 69" campaign was born the day when one of their longtime local artists, Bill Cloutman, commented upon entering the store: "You can really feel the energy and lively spirit in here. The beautiful displays of unique furniture, artwork and home decor and all that wonderful light pouring in through the huge picture windows bringing everything to life."

So many others echo these sentiments often about the warm welcoming and lively spirit of the employees, golden oldies music playing in the background as customers hum along, and with the holiday promotions and free gifts.

"My goodness, what fun they have to find exactly what they are looking for to furnish their home and have the time of their lives doing so," said owner Laura Cousineau.

Valued customers are not the only ones who have discovered the unique "Spirit of 69."

On Feb. 27, WCVB-TV Channel 5 sent a camera crew to interview Cousineau about how she

survived the pandemic. It was during this interview, the signature phrase of the "Spirit of 69" campaign was coined - "Where sometimes what's old can be new again."

This was followed by an hour-long video filmed by Down The Cape Concierge and Travel Guide, an organization that provides a video resource of unique things to do, places to eat and special places to visit, like Upstairs Downstairs Home. The entire store, upstairs and downstairs was featured in detail with Cousineau leading the way and narrating each nook and cranny of the store.

Then just recently, The Boston Business Journal came calling to interview Cousineau about doing business during the pandemic. They also took many photos of the stores. This article was scheduled to appear in the Aug. 6 edition.

"It's been quite a run of interest by the media and we are very honored that they consider 'spirit' a key ingredient of a successful store and how during difficult times that it helps uplift the neighborhood," said Cousineau.

In addition, a few days ago, a representative from for the upcoming special on Julia Child came in to purchase items to be placed in various production scenes. They will had plenty to choose from as a flood of new inventory had just arrived.

Previous "spirited" events have been the hugely popular Easter "Nest Egg" Day when all customers received a plastic egg full of candy and a Kennedy half dollar and the Kentucky Derby Day where customers had their picture taken in beautiful Derby hats, trophies full of red roses and had fun participating in racing horses on a mechanical antique racing track from the 194s. There was also the Mother's Day flower scavenger hunt, the Father's Day fishing event, and much more.

Upcoming events that will include Artists Night on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 6p.m., where all of the local artists will be together at one time to greet, and to thank their customers. Other events planned will include Halloween festivities with prizes and a Christmas season plans that will be remembered for years.

The Spirit of '69 Charles St. is very easy - for the real spirit is from the fun of our always loyal customers who enter the store smiling with anticipation of what wonderful surprises and warm greetings await them.

"We are forever grateful, and don't forget the tax-free weekend August 14 and 15 where everything will be 20-percent off store-wide with a small gift with purchase," said Cousineau.

NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOUR



Beacon Hill resident Daniel Silva films a brief interview with Mayor Kim Janey on transportation and open space issues during the July 30 Mayor's Neighborhood Coffee Hour hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at Mothers Rest at Four Corners in Dorchester. The series gives city residents the opportunity to meet one-on-one with the Mayor and City officials while enjoying iced coffee and breakfast treats from Dunkin', fresh fruit from Star Market, and flowering plants from the Parks Department greenhouses. The Back Bay/Beacon Hill Coffee Hour will be held July 16 at 10:30 a.m. on Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

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Violent Part One Crime up 15 percent; other Part One Crimes down 1 percent

By John Lynds

Last week the Boston Police released its half-year crime stats that compares January 1, 2021 through July 25, 2021 with the same time period last year and found Violent Part One Crime is up in District A-1 but Non-violent Part One Crime decreased.

Part One Crimes are the more serious crimes that the Boston Police and other law enforcement agencies track and in District A-1, which includes Beacon Hill, the overall Violent Part One Crime is up 15 percent so far this year when compared to the same six months in 2020.

According to the statistics, there was one Homicides reported in A-1 through July 25, 2021. This was an increase of one as there were no Homicides in the district between January 1 and July 25 of last year.

Robbery or Attempted Robbery was up 52 percent with 72 incidents reported in the first half of 2020 and only 102 reported so far this year.

Domestic Aggravated Assault is up 138 percent with 8 incidents reported in the first half of 2020 and 19 reported so far this year.

However, Non-domestic Aggravated Assault is down 10 percent with 118 incidents reported during

the first half of 2020 and 106 incidents reported so far this year.

Rape and Attempted Rape is up 8 percent in the area with 12 being reported during the first half of last year and 13 reported so far in 2021.

Overall there were a total of 241 Violent Part One Crimes between January 1, 2021 and July 25, 2021. This was up from the 210 Violent Part One Crimes reported during the same period last year.

As for Non-Violent Part One Crimes the numbers are down 1 percent in A-1. These crimes include Commercial Burglary, Residential Burglary, Larceny From

Motor Vehicle, Other Larceny and Auto Theft.

According to the report Commercial Burglary is down 63 percent and went from 90 incidents reported during the first half of 2020 to 33 incidents reported so far this year.

However, Residential Burglary is up 14 percent and went from 22 reported incidents during the first half of 2020 to 25 incidents reported so far in 2021.

Larceny From Motor Vehicles, which was a huge problem last year, has dropped 16 percent with 146 incidents reported during the first half of 2020 and only 122 incidents reported so far this year.

Auto Theft is up 50 percent with 42 incidents being reported during the first half of 2020 and 63 incidents reported so far this year.

Other Larcenies increased 3 percent during the first half of the year. There were 543 incidents reported during the first half of 2020 and that number increased to 561 reported incidents so far this year.

Overall there were 1,053 Non-Violent Part One Crimes, down 1 percent from the 1,045 reported during the first six months of 2020.

Beacon Hill COVID-19 cases increase

By John Lynds

After experiencing a 10 percent decrease in the weekly COVID positive test rate between July 23 and July 30, the weekly positive test rate has increased once again in Beacon Hill and the surrounding neighborhoods.

The citywide positive test rate has also neared 4 percent since July 30 and health officials are trying to get a handle on the Delta variant of the virus that has caused breakthrough infections among vaccinated residents and is decimating the unvaccinated population across the country.

According to the weekly report released last Friday released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 1,680 Beacon Hill, North End, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 3 percent were positive. This was a 20 percent increase from the 2.5 percent of residents that tested positive on July 30.

Overall since the pandemic started 58,020 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 the same percentage reported by the BPHC on July 23.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate increased nearly 30 percent last week. According to the BPHC 18,232 residents were tested and 3.7 percent were COVID positive--this was a 28 percent increase from the 2.9 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

The CDC is still studying the effects of the Delta variant on the vaccinated and the unvaccinated, especially children.

Dr. Mark Kline, the physician in chief of Children's Hospital in New Orleans, which has some of the highest COVID infections among children, told ABC's Good Morning America, "We are hospitalizing record numbers of children. Half of the children in our hospital today are under two years of age. Most of the others are between five and ten years of age--too young to be vaccinated just yet."

Dr. John Brownstein, an epidemiologist at Boston Children's Hospital, has warned that children will soon become the "main vectors of virus spread" because they are the "remaining population ineligible for the vaccine."

This, many health experts warn, could cause the Delta variant to smolder among children populations across the country

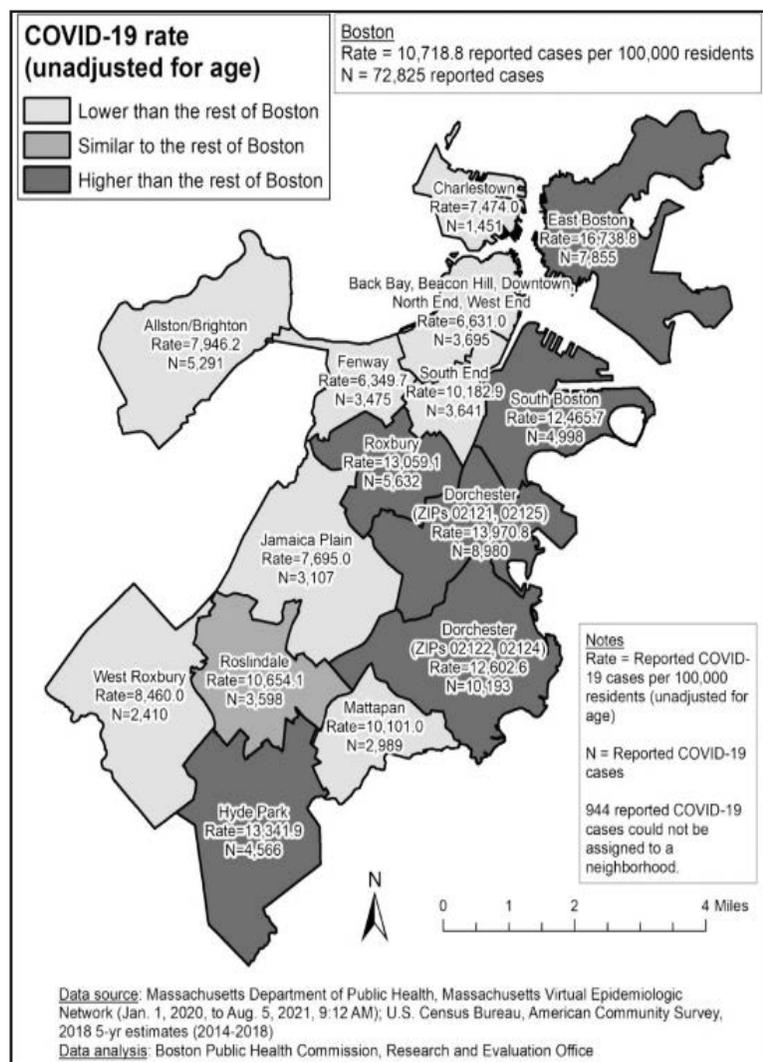
and lead to new mutations of the virus as it jumps from children to unvaccinated adults. This may set the stage for yet another mutation of COVID 19 that can ultimately become vaccine resistant.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Beacon Hill, North End, Back Bay, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 663.1 cases per 10,000 residents--a 1.4 percent increase from the 653.7 cases per 10,000 residents reported on July 23.

Fifty-two additional residents have been infected with the virus between July 30 and August 6 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 3,695 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 1 percent since August 6 and went from 72,422 cases to 73,343 confirmed cases in a week. There were no additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past two weeks and the total deaths from COVID remains at 1,400.



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

DEMOLITION (from pg. 5)

Livingstone said the decision to demolish the three buildings didn't come lightly.

"Councilor Bok and I tried to be as creative as possible to preserve the buildings and get the results of the great medical services that will be provided if these buildings are built," said Rep. Liv-

ingstone.

"We tried to be incredibly creative and tried to be incredibly thoughtful, but it just wasn't to be."

In contrast, Commissioner David Berarducci, who voted in for of the demolition delay, was in the minority who wanted to see

the buildings saved and lamented losing even more of what little history remains from the old West End.

"It feels like a freight train that can't be stopped it feels like at this point," said Berarducci.

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Erin Murphy receives key endorsements for her run At-Large seat

Boston City Council At-Large candidate Erin Murphy is thrilled to announce two key endorsements that demonstrate her strong support among union members, with both the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 888 rallying behind Erin's campaign.

NAGE and SEIU join a growing cascade of momentum that has built in support of Erin over the course of the summer. The two unions represent over 3,000 Boston city workers, municipal employees who have been encouraged by Erin's message of inclusion and a better quality of life for all residents in all neighborhoods.

"I couldn't be happier that my sisters and brothers in the labor movement are showing this confidence in me," Erin said. "I grew up in a union family and I spent 22 years as a teacher in the Boston

Public Schools, so it's only natural that my concerns would match their concerns, and that their hopes for our city are my hopes. I'm honored and inspired by their endorsement."

Erin is running for an At-Large seat on the City Council because she believes that the best Boston has to offer should exist in every neighborhood. Vital to that, Erin said, is the right of people who work for the city to have strong unions that advocate for their rights with a City Hall that operates in good faith.

"As a single mother who raised my children in this city while working as a teacher, I understand the pressures facing municipal employees and their families," Erin said. "And I know that these jobs can be a grind and feel underappreciated, but union workers form the backbone of their cities. The labor movement helped my family get to

where we are today, and I look forward to working very closely with NAGE and SEIU members once I'm on the Council."

"Erin knows from her own life experience the challenges that are facing government workers," said SEIU Local 888 President Thomas McKeever. "SEIU is the largest union in the United States, with two million members and growing. And we couldn't think of a better candidate to put our support behind than Erin, whose empathy for working families is part of who she is. We look forward to working with her on the Council."

"NAGE members have been encouraged by Erin's lifetime of service and her devotion to working families across Boston," said David Holway, President. "We recognize the value of having someone on the Boston City Council, and couldn't be prouder to support Erin and her vision for Boston."

Erin's campaign has been gathering steam this summer, with a string of high-profile endorsements and a surge in grassroots support and volunteerism across the city. Erin has also been endorsed by, among others, State Representatives Dan Hunt, Ed Coppinger, and Dan Ryan, City Councilor Frank Baker and former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, Register of Deeds Stephen J. Murphy, the Massachusetts Nurses Association, Boston Firefighters Local 718, Laborers Local 223, the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus, and Boston EMS.

A lifelong Dorchester resident, Erin has centered her campaign around being Boston's go-to call at City Hall.

Erin's vision for Boston and her campaign are built on her core beliefs:

- Thriving, best-in-class public schools for every student in every

neighborhood

- A friendlier city for seniors, with a more compassionate policy focus

- Stronger outreach to veterans, out of respect for their service and supporting their needs

- Safer streets and policing across the City, prioritizing community policing

- All hands-on-deck to pull us out of the pandemic, particularly our most vulnerable

- Reducing income inequality by promoting good jobs for all Bostonians

Both NAGE and SEIU Local 888 plan to campaign on Erin's behalf prior to the Sept. 14 primary, when Boston voters can select four candidates to fill the four At-Large seats on the Boston City Council. And Erin will continue campaigning across the city as she works to Bring Boston Back Together.

Register Murphy, Rep. Madaro endorse Spillane for Boston City Council At-Large

Suffolk County Register of Deeds, 9-term City Councilor At-Large, and three-time City Council President Stephen Murphy and fourth term East Boston State Representative Adrian Madaro announced their endorsements of Jon Spillane for Boston City Council At-Large.

"I am a 50-year fan, and friend, of the Spillane family, and Jon's tenacious energy is just what Boston needs on the City Council," said Register of Deeds Stephen Murphy. "Jon understands what it is to grow up in Boston. He is a housing expert. He understands the budget. He will hit the ground running and I am proud to endorse him for Boston City Councilor."

"As the state representative for East Boston, I am deeply involved in city issues that affect my neighborhood and all of Boston, and I am confident Jon will be the part-

ner we need at the city level to successfully navigate our constituents' concerns and I know he will bring the passion and hard work fostered during our years at Boston Latin School to the City Council," said State Representative Adrian Madaro. "Jon understands residents' frustrations about rising cost of living, and he has clear ideas about how to improve housing, traffic, and city services. He will be able to bring people together to move Boston forward, and that's why I'm endorsing him for Boston City Councilor At-Large."

"Register Murphy has been in my shoes, knocking doors and making phone calls to reach as many Bostonians as possible," Jon Spillane said. "His support and advice has been invaluable, and I'm proud to earn his endorsement."

"Rep. Madaro's endorsement

is unique - we went to high school together," Jon Spillane continued. "Now, we have the chance to bring the tenacity and problem solving skills we learned at Boston Latin School to directly address the issues facing our City, in partnership with the community that raised us."

With Register Murphy's and Rep. Madaro's endorsements, Jon Spillane builds upon the coalition of Boston elected officials supporting his candidacy, demonstrating the city-wide viability of Jon's campaign.

Murphy's endorsement is particularly important because he lives in Hyde Park, the same neighborhood that Jon was born and raised in, and where Murphy regularly wracked up huge margins on Election Day. Based on the dozens of Jon Spillane lawn signs visible in Hyde Park, Spillane is on his way to repeating those performances.

Madaro's endorsement is especially unique, as he represents a single neighborhood and ward - East Boston - and brings with him a multi-generational record of service to that neighborhood.

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.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through Aug. 21

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

- Building the piers:
- Pier 1 (closest to the North End): Hammer Head V-Pier formwork, Rebar & Concrete pour
- Pier 2: V-Arms - Curing
- Pier 3: Install precast and remove cofferdam sheet
- Pier 4: Grout work and concrete pour
- Pier 5 (closest to Charlestown): Remove cofferdam sheet and concrete pour
- Installing, moving, and maintaining silt curtains and barges in the water
- Installing temporary bent
- Warehouse Pier and Column Repairs
- Steel erection begins on 8/18

WORK HOURS

- Most work will be done

during the daytime (6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

- Prior to 8/8:
- Pier 4: Removal of cofferdam sheet
- Installed permanent fender piles

TRAVEL TIPS

The sidewalk over the temporary bridge and the Lovejoy Wharf stairs near Converse are open. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

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Kwon, Hyukmin	Sullivan, Christopher A	272 Marlborough St #4R	\$774,000
BEACON HILL			
Tang, Hao	Shan, Yi	13 Lindall Pl #3	\$1,000,000
Cabral, Colin G	JDMD Owner LLC	45 Temple St #208	\$2,000,000
Hu, Bo	Tala Lipshutz IRT	6 Whittier Pl #9B	\$385,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
New England Urban LLC	KB Boylston LLC	132 Boylston St #4	\$1,310,000
Charles St South Hldg LLC	RGM Ventures 1 LLC	1 Charles St S #706	\$1,750,000
Knight, Eric H	Susannah Levine Jones	290 Columbus Ave #2	\$410,000
Caldwell, Jeffrey S	Macri, Edmond R	197 W Canton St #4	\$900,000
Timothy R Sullivan RET	Beaven Church Court RT	492 Beacon St #21	\$1,025,000
Willow Condo LLC	52-209 Charlesgate E	52 Charlesgate E #209	\$380,000
Mullin, Caroline	Tucker, Andrew J	508 Columbus Ave #1	\$2,250,000
Gheiler, Moises	Malerba-Smith, Kristen	529 Columbus Ave #6	\$845,000
Bakish, Robert	Kilic Nuri Est	416 Commonwealth Ave #706	\$895,000
Kolman, Olga	Marsha R Cohen LT	24 Cumberland St	\$3,750,000
Wetzel, Ariana	Place, Emily M	30-34 E Concord St #4	\$710,000
Leitir Moir LLC	DYS LLC	670 Massachusetts Ave	\$2,550,000
Mehta, Adwait G	Minasian, Leslie K	684 Massachusetts Ave #3	\$650,000
2021 RT	Lucsher-Blotnick, Judith	10 Otis Pl #6B	\$3,325,000
Bai, Aiping	Dutil, Dana R	65 Park Dr #11	\$400,000
Quinten L Nufer T	Dever, Brian	114 Pembroke St #3	\$2,200,000
Pond, Jennifer	121 Portland LLC	121 Portland St #710	\$1,050,000
Bhat, Arvind	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #911	\$807,900
Butnaru, Avner	Cannellos, Stephanie K	247 Shawmut Ave #3	\$559,000
Campbell, Nicholas J	Begen, Richard M	42 Union Park #1	\$4,250,000
Lee, Grace Y	Sutherin-Huebner, Laura	76-82 W Rutland Sq #202	\$1,100,000
Dai, Amanda J	Oelschlager, Ingrid	1313 Washington St #410	\$749,000
Karamitis, Gregory	Kassels, Steven J	15 Wellington St	\$3,290,000
Kawahara, Kaye K	Pond, Daniel T	43 Westland Ave #506	\$1,662,000
Golob, Aaron J	Mitchell, Mary S	139 Worcester St #2	\$805,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Curcio, Robert A	Vinios, Louis N	2-1/2 Battery Wharf #4310	\$2,100,000
Hylant, Gregory	Sevich, Jeffrey S	134 Beach St #6	\$1,545,000
Higgins, Morgan	Daly, Mary B	357 Commercial St #115	\$475,000
Morabito, Adam R	Haskell, Scott E	122-124 Fulton St #1	\$725,000
Lin, Meidan	Row House Investments	29 Oak St #3	\$227,900

Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The dormer in the last clue is on 33 Beaver Street built circa 1870 and given the historic name of the Thomas Jefferson Coolidge and Hettie S. Stables by the Massachusetts Historic Commission. The commission lists the uses of the building over the years as "Apartment House; Multiple Family Dwelling House; Out Building; Single Family Dwelling House; Photography Or Art Studio; Servant Or Estate Housing."

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THIS WEEK'S CLUE



Ward 5 Democrats endorse Michelle Wu for Mayor

Staff Report

Last week, the Ward 5 Democrats (Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway, and Bay Village) gathered in the Public Gardens to officially endorse Councilor Michelle Wu for mayor of Boston, and then participate in a stand-out for her on Charles Street.

Sharon Durkan, of the Ward 5 Dems, said they voted on July 20 on the endorsement, and had 16 vote for Wu, two vote present and one person voted for another candidate.

The vote was overwhelmingly to endorse Michelle Wu for Boston Mayor, the second Ward Committee to endorse Wu in the Mayor's race. The Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee had thrown their support to Wu in May. No other Ward Committees have endorsed any candidates in the race as of early August.

The Ward 5 Democratic Committee said: "Our members voted overwhelmingly and wholeheartedly to endorse Michelle Wu for Mayor of Boston. To put it sim-

ply, Michelle is the best choice for Mayor of Boston: she has a long track record of being a problem solver who has established herself as a visionary leader who is ready to tackle the biggest challenges facing our city. As Democratic activists, we've experienced her collaborative nature and style, and we believe Michelle's vision and leadership will be transformational for our city. We are proud to put our full support behind her in this fight, and ready to knock on doors, make phone calls and get to work to ensure she is our next Mayor."

Michelle Wu said: "Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee has been leading the way for progressive activism and organizing for years, and I'm so proud to have their support once again. Our campaign is organizing in every neighborhood of our city, and this endorsement will help supercharge our campaign to have thousands of conversations with neighbors. I look forward to organizing in partnership with the Ward 5 Dem-



Joining Councilor Wu and her son, Blaise, at the Ward 5 Standout were Bob Binney, Kristen Mobilia, Mike George, Rob Whitney, Patricia Amend, Kate Gallivan, David Xiao, and Sharon Durkan.

ocratic Committee through Election Day and beyond."

The Ward 5 Democrats' endorsement adds to the Wu campaign's enthusiastic coalition supporters including leaders Senator Elizabeth Warren, Ward 1 Councilor Lydia Edwards, State

Senator and Assistant Majority Leader Sal DiDomenico, former State Representative and Assistant Majority Leader Byron Rushing; union like Teamsters Local 25, New England Joint Board of Unite Here!, Alliance of Unions at the MBTA, MBTA Inspectors Union

Local 600, OPEIU Local 453; environmental organizations like Sunrise Boston, Sierra Club, the Environmental League of Massachusetts, 350 Mass Action; as well as groups like Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale and the Ward 4 Democrats.

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