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## Seniors Step Out

TOM KWEI

Members of Beacon Hill Village's walking team count their steps at the waterfront.

By Suzanne Besser

When Beacon Hill Village members heard that the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) was challenging seniors to walk or run throughout

September, they did just what they always do: They formed a team, donned their sneakers, charged their Fitbits, and took to the hills and streets of Boston.

The EOEA encouraged all of its participating teams to collectively

achieve 25 million steps during September, which it dubbed Fall Prevention Month. Team BHV had 32 members, each of whom reported weekly the number of

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## Neighborhood to help resettle Afghan evacuees

Special to the Times

The first evacuees from Afghanistan—the people and families on

the tarmac at Kabul Airport just weeks ago—began arriving in the Boston area last week. Beacon Hill residents have been eager to volun-

teer and provide support to these newcomers, but how to get started hasn't been obvious.

Just in time, on this coming Sunday, October 24, at 5 p.m. the International Institute of New England (IINE) will lead a program that explains the Afghan evacuee resettlement process and how Beacon Hill neighbors can help. The program will take place in the open-air courtyard of the Church of the Advent on Brimmer Street.

"I feel like this is a special chance to make a difference in the lives of people, many of whom risked their lives to help our soldiers," said Suzanne Besser of Mt. Vernon Street. "I'm excited to do something concrete that will now help them."

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An Afghan mother and child recently arrived at Logan Airport. The International Institute of New England is helping them and the rest of their family get settled.

## Garden Street residents to row in this weekend's Head of the Charles event

By Dan Murphy

Two residents of Garden Street will be among those rowing in this weekend's Head of the Charles Regatta.

Kirsten Thiim, age 23, will be participating in the competition, which is the world's largest two-day rowing event, for the eighth time. She will be rowing Saturday in the Women's Alumnae Eights for Bare Hill Rowing, the program for the high school she graduated from in 2016. After high school, Thiim rowed for Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., before graduating last year.

Describing the Head of the Charles as "definitely my favorite regatta to race in," Thiim wrote in an email, "There is nothing like being on the Charles River with thousands of people cheering you on along the whole course in your home city; it's such a fun and motivating environment."

Thiim started rowing as a freshman in high school, following in her older brother's footsteps after she was introduced to the sport as a spectator during his regattas. "I tried it out and took to the sport fast," she said.

Since the spring rowing season

during her senior year in college was scrapped due to the pandemic, Thiim is eager to get back in the water, as well as to represent her former high school rowing program alongside her former teammates.

"Rowing at HOCR this year will be different than any other since it will be my first time rowing as an alumna," wrote Thiim. "I am so excited to get back in a boat and have this opportunity to row after graduating, something I wasn't sure I would ever do."

Unlike Thiim, her neighbor on Garden Street, Andrew Bittner, a 16-year-old sophomore at the Belmont Hill School, is a newcomer to the Head of the Charles who will compete Sunday in the Men's Youth Fours.

"We have a large rowing team at Belmont Hill and making one of the boats to row in the HOCR has been something I've wanted to do for a long time," wrote Bittner, who began rowing as a seventh-grader at Belmont Hill. "Despite a lost season and limited training due to COVID restrictions, I have worked really hard and am very excited to have this opportunity to row in the Four this year."



Garden Street residents Andrew Bittner and Kirsten Thiim will be among the participants in this weekend's Head of the Charles Regatta.

# EDITORIAL

## GENERAL COLIN POWELL

The death this past week of General Colin Powell at the age of 84 removes from our country one of the most outstanding persons ever to serve the United States.

Colin Powell was both a soldier and a statesman. What Dwight Eisenhower was to America in the middle of the 20th century, Colin Powell was to our country in the latter part of the century.

The son of Jamaican immigrants, Powell was a decorated war hero through two tours of duty in Vietnam and became a trusted advisor to three American presidents in various capacities while serving on the National Security Council, as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and as Secretary of State.

General Powell was a trailblazer, becoming the first Black person to serve our country in those capacities.

His straightforwardness and honesty set him apart from his peers. Powell had no agenda, other than doing what he thought was best for the country and the world.

Whenever General Powell appeared as a guest on a TV news show, it was must-see TV, because unlike politicians and others, he always could be counted upon to tell the truth.

There was one glaring exception of course, and that was his support for the War in Iraq, which rates among the most disastrous, and certainly the most consequential, military endeavor in our nation's history.

Powell later conceded that his support for that war was a "blot" on his record. But that admission to making a mistake precisely is what set him apart from his peers.

In an interview with the New York Times, General Powell was asked to describe himself. Here is what he said:

"Powell is a problem-solver. He was taught as a soldier to solve problems. So he has views, but he's not an ideologue. He has passion, but he's not a fanatic. He's first and foremost a problem-solver."

Our nation and the world are the poorer for the loss of Colin Powell. May he rest in peace.

## GET YOUR BOOSTER STAT

With the FDA and the CDC recommending that already-vaccinated Americans over a certain age and with certain medical conditions receive booster shots, we urge all of our readers who qualify to receive a booster to do so as soon as possible (in medical lingo, STAT).

COVID-19 is not going away anytime soon, if ever, thanks to a combination of high-transmissibility of its variants and the refusal of a large number of Americans to become vaccinated.

We now know that the efficacy of the vaccines wanes over time, but that a third dose (for Moderna and Pfizer) and a second dose (for Johnson and Johnson) provides amped-up immunity.

COVID-19 is a terrible way to die and even for those who survive it, so-called long-haul COVID can have devastating health effects for up to 30% of those who contract the disease.

A vaccine -- and a booster -- are the best way to protect ourselves.

## GUEST OP-ED

### Preparing for the realities of our new economy

By Anthony D'Ambrosio

Preparing for the Realities of our New Economy

Over the past few months, amid the return to in-person schooling and the beginning of the fall, you might have made a few of the following observations:

- Your grocery bill has gone up, with beef, pork, and eggs being especially expensive;
- A gallon of gas costs about \$1 more than it did a year ago;
- Construction and home improvement projects have been delayed and are much more costly.
- One of your favorite long-standing restaurants has closed; or
- A friend or family member has struggled to find a good job with good benefits.

If any of these statements apply to you, you are not alone. I notice the price increases whenever I go to the grocery store or go to a restaurant to support local businesses. My family members who work in landscaping and construction have barely managed to break even due to sky-high fuel and lumber prices and the scarcity of workers.

Supply chain issues, subpar wages, and poor policy decisions at the state and federal levels have strained all of us, but they have pushed many of our residents to the financial brink. The number of Massachusetts households facing food insecurity has doubled during the Covid-19 pandemic. Over the past year and a half, hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts residents have lost their livelihoods and 23% of Massachusetts restaurants have closed permanently.

Beacon Hill needs to take a more proactive role addressing the problems of our new economy. There is a great deal that state government can do to support residents and small businesses during this consequential time.

First, Beacon Hill must provide further financial assistance to small businesses and job training programs. Too much of the \$5.3 billion from the federal American Rescue Plan Act has not yet been allocated while political insiders drag their feet on making the critical decisions they were elected to make. Rather than sitting on that money, state leaders need to grant a portion of it to small businesses, especially those com-

mitted to offering their workers livable wages and benefits. Another portion of the money should go toward infrastructure projects that create good jobs, improve our decaying public transportation, and put Massachusetts on the path to becoming the first state in the country to offer universal, affordable broadband Internet for all residents.

Second, we need to support the creation of good jobs that pay a livable wage, include quality health insurance, and offer paid family and sick leave. Paradoxically, Massachusetts employers cannot find enough workers, and Massachusetts workers cannot find enough good jobs. This phenomenon is occurring because the rising supply costs and lessened in-person shopping is limiting small business growth and deterring the higher wages and benefits necessary to attract good workers. Large companies, like Amazon, are truly killing small businesses.

Third, Beacon Hill must seriously re-evaluate its laws as they apply to our technology industry. In the 1980s, the "Massachusetts Miracle" evaporated as technology companies fled the Commonwealth in part because of poor legislation. It is important to note that 9 of every 10 jobs will soon have a technology component. We must act now to avoid an exodus of companies and workers. We must stop restrictions on our most valuable asset-- labor. Our current non-compete laws restrict technological innovation and job creation. Silicon Valley knows this,

which is why California does not enforce non-compete agreements. Massachusetts's enforcement of non-compete agreements is often cited as a key reason why Boston's technology industry has never grown to the size of Silicon Valley. As we transition our Commonwealth's economy into the 21st century, let us not repeat last century's mistakes.

Fourth, we need to professionally evaluate Massachusetts's unique supply chain issues, which differ from those of other regions. This study should determine which foods and products are most scarce in Massachusetts and how Beacon Hill is managing its relationships with other state officials and port leaders in California, New York, Florida, and the Gulf of Mexico. As we recently learned with the pandemic, manufacturing more product in the United States, and particularly in Massachusetts, must be encouraged. This needs to be an area of focus for Beacon Hill.

As we move into the 21st Century, our government needs to do more to grow our economy and properly train our work force. Otherwise, we will be left behind. Understanding what that economy will look like is obviously a prerequisite. My unique blend of public and private sector experience ensures that I will understand the complex issues and protect our citizens' livelihoods.

Join me,  
*Anthony D'Ambrosio is a candidate for State Senate.*

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GUEST OP-ED

# Don't let Acting Mayor Kim Janey erase Boston's Italian Americans

By Denise Furnari and Justice Chair Diane Modica

Acting Boston Mayor Kim Janey has unilaterally decided to change Columbus Day in Boston to Indigenous Peoples Day and will announce it today October 6, 2021 at 2:30 PM at Boston City Hall. We need your support and your voice in the ongoing battle to preserve Columbus Day. Please attend or call City Hall

This is outrageous! First of all, this is being done with absolutely no advance notice or contact with the Massachusetts Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America or its Commission for Social Justice which has been working day and night to educate local cities and towns about the false claims and outright lies being made against Columbus. The Italian Americans of Boston deserve more respect than this cheap shot.

For decades in October, the City of Boston has held the annual Columbus Day Parade for the entire city to share in Italian music, food, and culture and to honor the accomplishments of Columbus.

East Boston and the North End, where many of the city's Italian immigrants first settled, shares hosting duties in alternate years. Because of COVID the parade has not taken place in 2020 or 2021. But Janey is setting the table to do away with it altogether.

Columbus is not only an Italian American icon, but a positive symbol for many Americans including many Latino neighbors in East Boston who celebrate the holiday and attend the parade.

Italian Americans have no fight with Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the historic mistreatment they have endured. But two wrongs don't make a right. Taking away from Italian Americans something that was hard earned and paid for with the blood of many Italian souls is just plain WRONG!

There are numerous historic records that tell the stories of Italians who were lynched throughout the nation in the last 1800's. Even prejudiced national media seemed to approve of it from actual coverage in the papers! The selection of Columbus to honor and celebrate the contributions of Italians to

America emerged from those tragedies as Columbus Day. Close to 1.5 million Italian Americans, the largest ethnic group serving across all U.S. armed forces, fought in WWII to defend this nation. We stand on all of their shoulders as well as our parents and grandparents who had the courage to come to this country giving us the life we now have. Will you be the voice of those who came before us?

Please call Boston City Hall hot line before the announcement at 2:30 tomorrow at 617-635-4500 and Mayor's office 617-635-3151 and let Mayor Kim Janey know you are angry and will not stand by and allow Columbus and Italians to be dismissed and disrespected. You can also email her at mayor@boston.gov opposing any replacement of Columbus day in Boston on the second Monday of October each year. Press Contact Diane Modica 617-835-8484.

*Statement of Mass. Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America President Denise Furnari and Commission for Social Justice Chair Diane Modica.*

## HELP (from pg. 1)

During the program at the Advent, IINE CEO Jeff Thielman will provide an overview and answer questions, including about the biometric and security screening all evacuees go through. Attendees can learn about and sign up for specific volunteer opportunities that range from meeting arriving families at Logan Airport, setting up new apartments and delivering home-cooked meals to soliciting in-kind contributions, tutoring English language learners, and many others. There is a broad range in time commitment, duration and skills required. In addition, in-kind contributions of home goods, furniture, grocery gift cards, and warm clothing for all ages will be priorities. Everyone has something to contribute.

The IINE has committed to resettle 425 Afghan evacuees from the crisis, and the number will

likely increase. ("Refugees" and "evacuees" are roughly synonymous; newcomers from Afghanistan are technically "evacuees," however, because they fled under emergency, crisis conditions.)

The IINE is one of the oldest and largest refugee resettlement organizations. The organization has deep expertise in the many challenges refugees face. Over a century, it has successfully welcomed and equipped thousands of newcomers—including 350 Afghan refugees since 2014—providing language instruction, vocational training, housing, legal, educational and other assistance as refugees transition to a very different, American environment.

Financial donations to the IINE are vital. The high cost of housing in our region as well as inadequate government reimbursements mean that the IINE must raise addition-

al private money for each resettled evacuee. Contributions will provide direct financial assistance to Afghan evacuees and hire new case management staff. Online donations can easily be made at [www.iine.org/donate](http://www.iine.org/donate).

"We're hoping for a great turnout this Sunday," said Mt. Vernon Street resident Shari Loessberg, a longtime IINE board member. "Many thanks to the Advent for opening their doors to us for this gathering. For all these families starting a new life in our town, I hope we can each do a little to help them feel welcome and to help them succeed in their new American life."

The Info Session is this Sunday, October 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the Church of the Advent courtyard, 30 Brimmer Street. Rain site is Moseley Hall within the Church.

## SENIORS (from pg. 1)

steps he or she had taken to the BHV office. Individuals without some sort of step counter were credited with 2,500 steps per mile. The total number of steps taken by all team members combined was then sent to the EOE.

"We began the challenge with a modest goal of 500,000 steps," said BHV Executive Director Gina Morrison. "Seeing the step count blast past the goal during the very first week excited the members and motivated them to walk even more. We quickly moved our goal to 5 million steps."

By the end of the month, Team BHV had taken 6,464,000 steps. "If anyone was of the mindset that older adults are sedentary," said Morrison, "this group proved that

team spirit and a challenge can get anyone off the couch and out the door."

"The step challenge was a fun and important challenge for us to do together," added Cindy Sullivan, a Beacon Hill personal trainer and senior fitness specialist who participated in Team BHV. "Walking is a simple joint-friendly yet powerful way to strengthen muscles and bones, as well as reduce body fat, increase endurance, and improve cardiovascular health."

The CDC reports that brisk walking for 150 minutes a week, or 25 minutes per day, as one's form of moderate physical activity, can actually help keep one healthy and prevent disease, she added.

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# 'Get in the Spirit' fall campaign finds a helper

Special to Times

The Beacon Hill "Get in the Spirit" October fundraiser for The Jimmy Fund owes a deep debt of gratitude to the 67 businesses who, despite challenges of their own, have stepped up to support one of New England's cherished charities. There have also been many individuals behind the scenes who make the organization of such a complex undertaking from conception to execution to completion possible.

We all salute one individual in particular, the Sales and Marketing Manager of Upstairs Downstairs Home, Mary Jo Rufo. Throughout these hectic days of unending duties, deliveries and deadlines it has been...Rufo to the Rescue!!

Despite an exhausting working schedule during the day, Mary has found time to create and design a wonderful poster for the project (below), has created a survey for the 67 businesses to encourage all to participate in a Halloween Costume photo-op, and has assisted in every aspect of the project and has done so with great cheer and the can-do attitude with immediate

results she is well known for.

Mary's work and dedication on behalf of The Jimmy Fund and Dana Farber has deep roots. Her father was treated for his Stage 4 cancer at Dana Farber years ago when she was in high school.

"It was a scary time for my family, and I am so thankful to the many doctors, nurses, and staff at Dana Farber that helped my dad into remission. He's cancer free today. I'm so pleased to be part of the "Get In The Spirit" campaign and to be able to work alongside all the generous Beacon Hill businesses whose donations can help give other families and children the same support and care we received," says Mary.

"Yes, as the movie title once said, "There is Something About Mary" - something very special indeed and much appreciated," says Event Coordinator, Mark Duffield.

Mary is a native Newton, Mass., but left for warmer weather to South Carolina for college, where she attended Coastal Carolina University, graduating in 2019

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Kelsang and Tsering Sangpo at Tibet Emporium displaying one of Mary's poster and one of her banners.

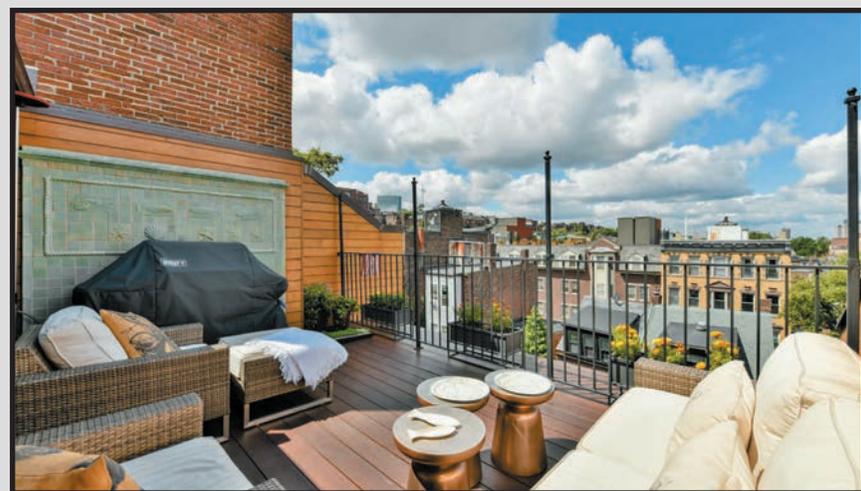
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Dina, Nino, and Sabrina at Nino's Pizza displaying one of Mary's poster and one of her banners.



Mary delivers one of her posters, as well as one of her banners, to Geraldine O' Hagan at Rugg Road.



Mary and her poster at the drafting board.

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with a double- major in Business Management and Business Marketing.

This achievement has certainly come in handy not only for "Get in the Spirit," but as in her manager role at Upstairs Downstairs Home where she started as a

weekend employee. In addition, and so helpful to the project is that she also has a background in fundraising when she volunteered in college for Girls on the Run.

If, as is hoped, the "Get in the Spirit" campaign is successful it will be because so many wonder-

ful and generous businesses have dedicated themselves to participate by each raising \$100 each for the month of October and as reliably as ever in helping to guide the process it will be the indefatigable...Rufo to the Rescue!

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

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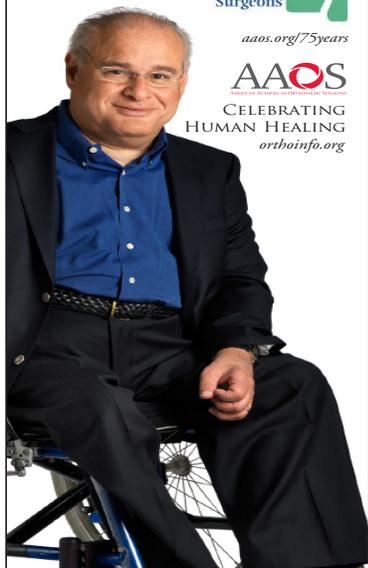
As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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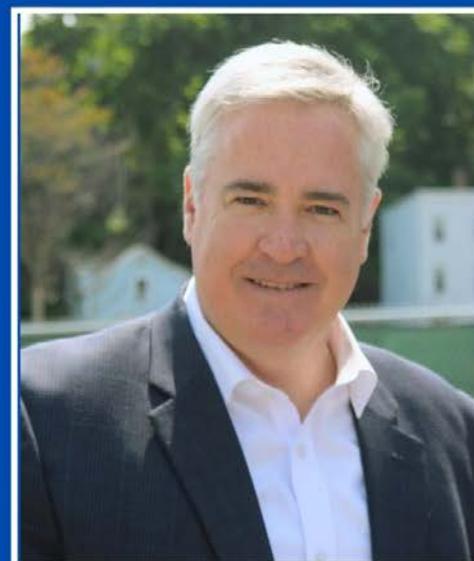
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## EDWARDS RECEIVES POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS

### ENDORSED BY MASS ALLIANCE

Lydia Edwards has been endorsed by Mass Alliance in the special election to State Senate. Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. General Election Day is January 11, 2022.

“Lydia Edwards understands that the way to deliver real progressive change is through organizing and engaging people of all backgrounds to come up with policy solutions to lift up those who are often marginalized,” said Jordan Berg Powers, Executive Director of Mass Alliance. “Mass Alliance is proud to endorse Lydia Edwards because she is focused on delivering those innovative policies that will uplift everyone in our communities and isn’t afraid to challenge the status quo.”

Mass Alliance is a coalition for political and advocacy organizations that work together to build a progressive Massachusetts. By working together, the members of Mass Alliance create a community of shared values. Their cooperation enhances their ability to build progressive power around priority issues. Mass Alliance works with local progressive champions to become candidates and continue to support their development and advancement when they become elected officials. They endorse candidates for the State House who support all the priorities of the coalition members, and prioritize races where they can make the most difference.

Lydia Edwards has been a bold, progressive leader on the Boston



Lydia Edwards.

City Council:

- Drafted and filed a proposal to change the budget allocation process to make it more accountable to the counselors and the people they represent;

- Filed legislation to modernize and reform Boston’s Zoning Board of Appeal;

- Proposed an ordinance and complementary zoning amendment that aims to remove the ZBA from the Boston Cannabis Commission process while still making sure that cannabis businesses are opened in a responsible, equitable way.

- Filed a proposal to explore retaining remote-access abilities for all City Hall hearings and meetings.

Lydia Edwards is a candidate for State Senate representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex District, following the departure of Senator Joseph A. Boncore. For a full and up-to-date list of endorsements, visit: [LydiaEdwards.org/endorsements](http://LydiaEdwards.org/endorsements).

Councilor Lydia Edwards is a

career advocate, activist, and voice on behalf of society’s most vulnerable. She is currently the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Housing and Community Development in the Boston City Council. Learn more at [LydiaEdwards.org/meet-lydia](http://LydiaEdwards.org/meet-lydia).

### ENDORSED BY ENVIRONMENTAL LEAGUE OF MASSACHUSETTS ACTION FUND

Lydia Edwards has been endorsed by the Environmental League of Massachusetts (ELM) Action Fund in the special election to State Senate. Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. General Election Day is January 11, 2022.

“From Day One on the Boston City Council, Lydia Edwards has been a champion for environmental justice, fighting for equity and clean energy while taking on corporate polluters in a district defined by the waterfront. We need a voice like hers in the State Senate particularly now as we face an unprecedented crisis in our climate resiliency efforts. Lydia gets it done every time and the ELM Action Fund enthusiastically supports her candidacy for State Senate,” said Clare Kelly, Executive Director of the ELM Action Fund.

ELM Action Fund was launched in 2015 to build the political will in Massachusetts to pass bold and ambitious environmental policies. Since its founding, the organization has grown into a respected and reliable resource for elected officials, candidates and voters. The ELM Action Fund continues to pass laws that protect our environmental legacy, hold our elected officials accountable, and build the political power of the environmental community. Read more.

As a city councilor, Lydia Edwards has fought against corporate polluters and pressed for

investment in clean energy and public transit. She’s worked to cut pollution from Logan Airport and pushed Massport to invest in air filtration systems for public schools, community centers, and housing. From day one, she opposed Eversource’s poorly-sited electrical substation in East Boston, urging the state to consider lower-impact, clean energy alternatives.

Lydia has voted to support climate resilience investments in Boston’s park systems, protecting both nature and neighborhoods, and supported a Wetlands Protection Ordinance to preserve critical environmental areas. As part of the mitigation from the Suffolk Downs project, Lydia secured increased staffing at the Department of Conservation and Recreation to steward Belle Isle Marsh. Learning from the loss of open space in Boston’s Seaport, Lydia demanded, and secured, permanent conservation restrictions (or in some cases, public ownership) for open and green spaces at Suffolk Downs, and supported expansion of pedestrian paths and bikeways.

Earlier this year, Lydia joined Councilors Michelle Wu and Matt O’Malley to file an ordinance that would require the city to divest from fossil fuel companies and ensure that city dollars are invested in industries that will help bring about a cleaner, more sustainable and more equitable future. Most recently, Lydia introduced – and City Council adopted – a resolution in support of amending the plan ensure our waterfront is equitable, inclusive, and accessible to all.

### ENDORSED BY TEAMSTERS LOCAL 122

Lydia Edwards has been endorsed by Teamsters Local 122 and Teamsters Local 25 in the special election to State Senate. Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. General Election Day is

January 11, 2022.

“Teamsters Local 122 is proud to endorse the candidacy of Lydia Edwards to the Massachusetts Senate in the First Suffolk & Middlesex District. Local 122 has supported Lydia as a Boston City Councilor, where she has fought for the issues that benefit working families. Her commitment to these issues that make a difference for the better in workers’ lives is needed in the State Senate. The residents of this district will be well-served by Lydia Edwards,” said John F. Murphy, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 122.

“Lydia Edwards is a proven leader who always stands up for our members when greedy corporations are trying to expand profits at their expense,” said Teamsters Local 25 President Sean M. O’Brien. “Lydia Edwards is a relentless public servant who will never stop fighting for better wages, health insurance, retirement benefits and improved working conditions. She also understands the importance of creating coalitions that provide access to job training and other neighborhood resources to help the working class that is too often forgotten by our elected leaders. Teamsters Local 25 is proud and confident to endorse Lydia Edwards for Massachusetts Senate.”

Lydia Edwards is a fierce advocate for workers’ rights. In the Senate, she’ll continue her strong record of passing legislation and delivering resources and results for working people. As a member of the United Auto Workers, Lydia knows the power of a union, but she also knows that every worker, organized or not, deserves dignity, fair compensation and freedom from harassment in the workplace. Lydia Edwards has stood with workers in the hospitality industry, service workers at Logan Airport, student workers in our higher education system, teachers, Brazilian immigrant workers and many others.

## City Councilor Michael Flaherty releases new ad

Over the weekend, City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty released a video advertisement titled “Michael Flaherty Has Always Been A Leader.” The video will run on OTT platforms such as Hulu, Roku, YouTube, and other streaming TV providers. A slightly longer version will run on Facebook.

The ad highlights Councilor Flaherty’s leadership on the Community Preservation Act, marriage equality, and the innovative Bos-

ton Year 13 intensive college and career readiness program. It also includes his priorities for his next term, which include affordable housing, climate change, and public education.

“We’re excited for more voters to learn about Councilor Flaherty’s record of leadership on crucial issues,” said campaign spokesperson Elizabeth Dolcimascolo. “Simply put, this is a record that deserves re-election.”



Michael Flaherty.

# Biele backs Erin Murphy for City Council At-Large

State Representative David Biele, who represents South Boston and parts of Dorchester, has endorsed Erin Murphy to be Boston's next At-Large City Councilor, praising her commitment to public safety and her heartfelt efforts to eradicate the scourge of substance abuse and addiction.

With less than a month before the November 2nd Municipal Election, Rep. Biele's support represents the latest sign of Erin's surging support across the city. United States Representative Stephen F. Lynch, State Senator Nick Collins, and City Councilor Ed Flynn -- all of South Boston -- have previously endorsed Erin's candidacy.

"Erin has proved both during her campaign and in her long history as a community activist that she is responsive, she is accessible, and she shows up," said Rep. Biele. "I know she will bring those same qualities to City Hall. And she is fiercely devoted to ensuring that every neighborhood in our city is a safe neighborhood, and that we have enough resources to provide recovery services for those dealing with addiction. She has always been an independent voice and she will make a fantastic city councilor."

"People are looking for leaders who can understand what

their lives are like," Biele added. "Erin taught in the Boston Public Schools for 22 years, has raised her family here as a single mother, and been an outspoken advocate for her neighborhood. That's the character and type of person we want to represent everyone across the city."

Erin finished a strong fourth in a crowded field of 17 in the September 14th Preliminary Election, and has continued to amass support in the weeks since. Her outreach has extended to every neighborhood in the city, the same energy she would bring to the City Council.

"Representative Biele has been an exemplary legislator and representative of South Boston and Dorchester, and I'm thrilled to have his support," Erin said. "We care about a lot of the same things: safer streets for our families and our seniors, an escalated government and private-sector response to the substance abuse crisis, and doing everything we can to say 'thank you' to our veterans."

The Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, Rep. Biele was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2018 and chosen by his colleagues earlier this year to chair the Boston delegation.

In addition to South Boston,

Rep. Biele's district includes parts of Dorchester: Columbia Point, the Polish Triangle, and South Bay.

Erin's campaign has been gathering steam all year, 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, activist and mentor and former At-Large candidate Said Abdikarim, State Representatives Dan Hunt, Michael J. Moran, Ed Coppinger, and Dan Ryan, City Councilor Frank Baker, and former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, Register of Deeds Stephen J. Murphy, Teamsters Union Local 25, AFSCME Council 93 (which represents Boston municipal employees), 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



Erin Murphy with State Representative David Biele.

focus

- Stronger outreach to veterans, out of respect for their service and supporting their needs
- Safer streets and policing across the City, prioritizing com-

munity policing

- A firm plan to relieve the crisis at Mass & Cass that respects all stakeholder
- Reducing income inequality by promoting good jobs for all Bostonians.

## Beacon Hill, surrounding area's COVID cases increase

By John Lynds

After dropping for two weeks in a row Beacon Hill and the surrounding area's COVID weekly positive test rate increased last week.

According to the weekly report released Monday by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 2,358 Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 2.3 percent were positive. This was a 64 percent increase from the 1.4 percent of residents that tested

positive between October 4 and October 11.

Citywide the weekly positive test rate also increased last week. According to the BPHC 23,759 residents were tested and 2.6 percent were COVID positive--this was a 4 percent increase from the 2.5 percent reported by the BPHC on October 11.

Fifty-four additional residents have been infected with the virus between October 11 and October 18 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 4,387 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 October 11 and went from 81,378 cases to 82,255 confirmed cases in a week. There were nine additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,444.

## Hidden Art Gallery celebrates its 10th anniversary

The Hidden Art Gallery at 25 Myrtle St. has functioned as a pop-up art gallery, showing artworks throughout the City of Boston, and exhibiting works of award-winning artist, Patrick Anderson, joined by local Boston guest artists and works of Zoe Arguello.

November 2011 was the start of the Hidden Art Gallery. Open Saturdays and day a week from noon to 4 p.m. and all weekends during

the holidays, November through December. It's a perfect time to see the artworks, acknowledge some of the historic landmarks and cityscape paintings of Boston, Beacon Hill and the opportunity to buy pieces of works directly from the artists, just in time for Christmas shopping.

The gallery, which has a huge art collection, one-of-a-kind originals for everyone, is celebrating its 10-year anniversary, and will be

exhibiting brand new collection of works, alongside artworks of local artists.

The gallery knows people would love the paintings and wants them to explore the gallery in person or on-line. Gift certificates are available, or shop online at affordable prices for your convenience at [www.thehiddenartgallery.com](http://www.thehiddenartgallery.com).

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU21P2095GD

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

of a Guardian and requesting that Brian J. McLaughlin, Esq. of Boston, MA (or some other person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/12/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without

further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 06, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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# BHWF – THE LONGEVITY STRATEGY FOR A HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE

By Ariana Hanley

Happy October, Beacon Hill!

The second forum of the 2021-2022 Beacon Hill Women's Forum season took place at The Hampshire House on Tuesday, October 12. The Neighborhood Narrative this month featured a local Charles Street boutique, Matsu, owned by Dava and Masayuki Muramatsu. Matsu recently moved their storefront to Beacon Hill from Back Bay and is filled with artisan-crafted products for the home imported from Japan, Italy, and

France. In addition, Matsu carries fine clothing for the perfect "fashion forward" look! Be sure to watch the exclusive interview with Matsu owner, Dava Muramatsu, and our very own, Holly Sullivan, at <https://beaconhillwomensforum.org/neighborhood-narrative/>.

BHWF was honored to welcome Josie Gardiner as our October Forum keynote speaker. Josie, an experienced master trainer and fitness aficionado, shared her successful career story, along with keys

(BHWF Pg. 9)



Gracey Wilson, new member, Richelle Gewertz, and Janine Jay.



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Cindy Sullivan, Program Director, beside her mentor and guest speaker, Josie Gardiner, Wendy Oleksiak, Co-President, and Sandra Gilpatrick, Advisor/Past President.

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# BHWF – THE LONGEVITY STRATEGY FOR A HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE



New members: Victoria Sullivan, Carolyn Lamone, Erika Zozeau, Ronni Poole, and Alissa Sebastian.

## BHWF (from pg. 8)

to longevity! As a previous fitness instructor at Hill House in Beacon Hill and Reebok master trainer for over 20 years, Josie has always had a passion on helping the aging population. When Josie first began her career, the word aerobics did not exist. Opening one of the first exercise studios in Massachusetts many years ago, Josie was determined to empower individuals to exercise in a fun lighthearted environment. Josie and her business partner, Joy Prouty, have had continued success in the fitness world as they have traveled all over the United States to teach, train, and create fitness music tapes to encourage and guide the aging population to a healthy life full of movement and exercise.

Josie faced a major hardship in the late 1990s when she battled uterine cancer. This was a challenge to her physical health and was the first time she lost control and had to get back in shape. This experience lead Josie to focus on empowering women who have faced vast health conditions to work their way back and be healthy again. By guiding clients to listen to their bodies, exercise in moderation, and live a healthy lifestyle, she has made a huge impact on countless individuals. Josie reminded the women in the room - You must have self-esteem – believe you can do it and that you will do it! Live with purpose... and don't forget ...wine gets better with age, age gets better with wine!

Josie's story, energetic personality, and wisdom on how to live a higher quality of life was remarkable.

The Beacon Hill Women's Forum is a nonprofit organization established to help bring women in

and around Beacon Hill together to form a close community of support and inspiration. We welcome a speaker, always a woman with a unique, formidable story to tell, to our monthly Forums which meet on the second Tuesday of the month at The Hampshire House from 6pm to 8pm (social hour, followed by the program starting at 7pm sharp). Visit The Beacon Hill Women's Forum website to learn more about our membership options. [www.beaconhillwomensforum.org](http://www.beaconhillwomensforum.org).



Laurel Bern.

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# The Liberty Hotel continues to rebound post-pandemic

By Dan Murphy

With the Red Sox's stellar post-season run and the 125th Boston Marathon coming later than usual this year on Monday, Oct. 11, it's been a busy autumn at The Liberty Hotel.

"We're doing fairly well with the Marathon happening and the Red Sox games, so we've seeing a big increase in leisure travel over recent weekends," said Shahram Khan, general manager of The Liberty Hotel on Friday, Oct. 8, just ahead of the Marathon's return.

While the hotel had traditionally been a popular destination for leisure travel throughout the summer months in pre-pandemic times, that demand typically declines by the time school opens back up in the fall, but fortuitously, said Khan, that hasn't been the case this year.

"The weekends are still staying strong, and now as the city open back up, and with the TD Garden and Fenway Park back at full capacity, it's had a really positive impact on the city and hotel occu-

pancy," he said.

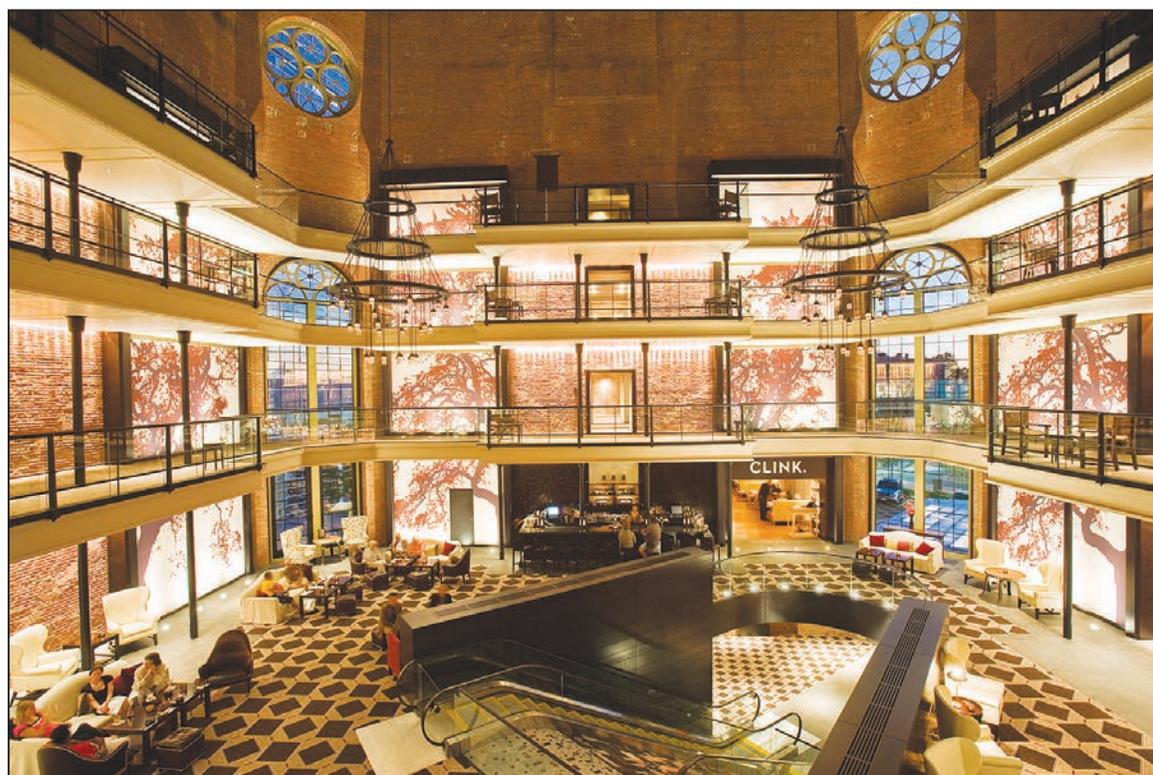
Khan also believes that the high vaccination rates throughout both the city and state, compared with other parts of the country, have made Boston an even more popular choice for some leisure travelers.

Meanwhile, several recurring events that were popular before the pandemic returned to the hotel in September, including Yappier Hour for dogs and their owners, which takes place every Monday, including Oct. 25, from 5 to p.m. on the hotel's private outdoor patio.

"Fashionably Late," a fashion show hosted by the hotel and featuring local designers, as well as models donning their clothing as they make their way around a second-level catwalk in the lobby, has returned as well.

A jazz band also performs in the lobby every Monday and Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m.

Additionally, the hotel is offering "Gallery Night Tuesdays," on Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Liberty Bar's second-floor



COURTESY OF THE LIBERTY HOTEL

A look inside The Liberty Hotel's lobby.

lobby.

Also now in the works is an Artists Series, where local artists would display and sell their works in the hotel lobby, said Khan.

A Halloween Party is coming to

the hotel's lobby, as well as Clink, on Sunday, Oct. 31, from 9 to 11 p.m., too, added Khan.

Chef Daniel Kenney has also created a menu for Clink, so Khan hopes that Beacon Hill and West End residents will attend special events at the hotel and dine there as well.

"We want to attract more Beacon Hill residents and be part of

the community," said Khan.

Meanwhile, for the sixth year in a row, The Liberty Hotel has also been named in the Top 10 Best Hotels in the World by Condé Nast Traveler, a luxury and lifestyle travel magazine. (This year, the hotel came in seventh place.)

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| Chandler, Martin H                   | Bridgwater, David S      | 242 Beacon St #3          | \$3,250,000 |
| Binnie, Adam S                       | 398 Beacon Street LLC    | 398 Beacon St #PH         | \$4,000,000 |
| Kui, Kin                             | Carter, Larissa          | 50 Berkeley St #7         | \$690,000   |
| Comm Unit 3 RT 120                   | Commonwealth Ave Rlty    | 120 Commonwealth Ave #3   | \$3,300,000 |
| Strauss, Denise S                    | Moo LLC                  | 7 Fairfield St #1         | \$2,300,000 |
| Martirosian, Jasmine                 | Immobilare Santa         | 234 Marlborough St #2     | \$1,160,000 |
| Mugu Holdings LLC                    | Hrusovsky, Edward K      | 90 Marlborough St #7      | \$7,150,000 |
| Weisman, Hannah P                    | Richard B Greenberg RET  | 414 Beacon St #3          | \$1,520,000 |
| Dome View LLC                        | Harrington, Mark E       | 480 Beacon St #2          | \$4,750,000 |
| Zhang, Yixin                         | BRS Nation Realty LLC    | 511 Beacon St #2          | \$350,000   |
| <b>BEACON HILL</b>                   |                          |                           |             |
| McAleer, Robert C                    | Mead, Franklin B         | 70 Brimmer St #202        | \$460,000   |
| Ioven, Mary C                        | Zuo, Hailiu              | 2 Hawthorne Pl #15R       | \$569,000   |
| Bilazarian, Seth D                   | 3 Mt Vernon Square NT    | 3 Mount Vernon Sq #2      | \$3,700,000 |
| Mustapha, Mahmoud M                  | Oulidi, Nada             | 45 Province St #2N        | \$1,485,000 |
| Ritter, Seth                         | 54R Riv St LLC           | 54-R River St #4          | \$575,000   |
| Dacosta, Luis A                      | JDMD Owner LLC           | 45 Temple St #408         | \$2,575,000 |
| Kumar, Nilesh                        | Martens, George          | 8 Whittier Pl #24A        | \$640,000   |
| <b>BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE</b> |                          |                           |             |
| ANZ Investments LLC                  | Litwin, Madison E        | 68 Appleton St #E         | \$775,000   |
| Herman, Gerald N                     | Biassonnette-Moes, Diane | 505 Tremont St #415       | \$2,275,000 |
| ADZ LLC                              | Back Bay NT              | 21 Bay State Rd #21       | \$1,750,000 |
| Herreros-Arregui, Alvaro             | Allen, John C            | 3 Bradford St             | \$2,580,000 |
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| Luo, Lisa Y                          | Galpin-Moorhead, Samuel  | 27 Concord Sq #4          | \$945,000   |
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| Shen, Wei                            | 121 Portland LLC         | 121 Portland St #708      | \$860,000   |
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| Reale, Ann J                         | Martin, Marion R         | 1597 Washington St #503   | \$860,000   |
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| Sachs, Travis                        | C A White T 2017         | 50 Battery St #302        | \$1,275,000 |
| Dunham, Donald N                     | Nabhan, Alexander E      | 2-1/2 Battery Wharf #3306 | \$1,350,000 |
| East India Boston LLC                | Price, Benjamin G        | 65 E India Row #6C        | \$1,000,000 |
| Duffy, Daniel                        | Sullivan, David A        | 120 Fulton St #2C         | \$1,150,000 |
| Frances-Cassidy, Barbara             | Katherine E Whidden T    | 75 Fulton St #61          | \$1,159,000 |

## Attention to Detail

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### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The street-side seating in the last clue is in front of 26 Charles Street, the home of Bin 26 Enoteca since 1995. Sidewalk and street seating, orders to-go for food, wine, and beer have been a lifeline to many small local restaurants and the customers who love them.

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### THIS WEEK'S CLUE



# South End artist finding new ways to bring awareness to Leonard Nimoy memorial

By Dan Murphy

Since the Museum of Science's plans to honor Leonard Nimoy, the West End native who went on to portray Mr. Spock on "Star Trek," with a memorial were announced in March, the project's \$1 million fundraising goal has raised less than \$25,000 so far. But the South End artist who first broached the subject of memorializing Nimoy in his hometown is refusing to give up so easily and finding creative ways to bring more public awareness to the proposed project.

On March 26, which would've been Nimoy's 90th birthday, and which was proclaimed "Leonard Nimoy Day" in the City of Boston by then-Mayor Martin Walsh, the museum announced its partnership with the Nimoy family and Massachusetts artist David Phillips to build a 25-foot-tall stainless-steel monument depicting Mr. Spock's iconic Vulcan hand salutation comprising a raised hand with the palm forward and thumb extended while the middle and ring fingers parted (and which is usually accompanied by the character's spoken expression of well-wishing, "Live Long and Prosper"), that would be illuminated from within using LED lighting.

"The 'Live Long and Prosper' symbol represents a message that

my dad believed so strongly in," said Leonard's daughter, Julie Nimoy, in a press release at the time of the announcement. "My dad always loved Boston and he would be honored knowing that the Museum of Science would be the permanent home to this memorial. The sculpture not only depicts one of the world's most recognized and loved gestures for peace, tolerance, and diversity, but it will also be a beautiful tribute to my dad's life and legacy."

The proposed memorial is the brainchild of Tom Stocker, a visual artist who lives on Northampton Street in the South End, which he conceived after watching "Leonard Nimoy's Boston" – a half-hour special that first aired on WGBH-TV in 2014 in which Nimoy, accompanied by his filmmaker son, Adam, returned to his native city to reminisce about growing up in the old West End as the son of Jewish immigrants from Ukraine.

In fact, Nimoy's ties to the city ran so deep he revealed in his autobiography "I Am Not Spock," that he based the Vulcan salutation on a rabbinical blessing he saw performed during a religious service at an Orthodox synagogue he accompanied his grandfather to as a boy.

Stocker, who considers himself more of a casual "Star Trek" fan

than a diehard "Trekkie," began his effort in earnest to memorialize Nimoy in March of 2015 – one month after the actor's death at age 83 – and it was around this time he wrote a letter to Sebastian Smee, then with The Boston Globe. Smee reprinted Stocker's letter in the Globe soon afterwards while further proclaiming that erecting a monument to Nimoy in Boston would be most "logical" in a nod to another of Mr. Spock's well-remembered catchphrases.

In June of 2020, Stocker launched a grassroots fundraising campaign on Facebook to finance the cost of building the memorial to Nimoy, which far exceeded its modest \$3,000 benchmark. As evidence of the Nimoy's globe-spanning appeal, one woman from India donated \$5 to the cause. Stocker gifted her one of the small, original acrylics he painted of the Vulcan hand salutation as a token of his appreciation.

Stocker also was the one who initially contacted Phillips and helped recruit him for the Nimoy project after Stocker was out for a walk and came across "Scrolls" – a 16-foot-high sculpture Phillips crafted from perforated stainless steel to resemble the form of a violin, which is illuminated from within using LED lighting, sitting on the lawn across from the New



COURTESY OF MUSEUM OF SCIENCE/DAVID PHILLIPS

A rendering of the concept for the Leonard Nimoy Memorial proposed for the grounds of the Museum of Science.

England Conservancy's Jordan Hall.

Phillips had been a fan of "Star Trek" and regularly watched the series in reruns in the '70s, but was unaware of Nimoy's connection to

Boston and the West End until he spoke with Stocker.

When the Museum of Science began raising money for its pro-

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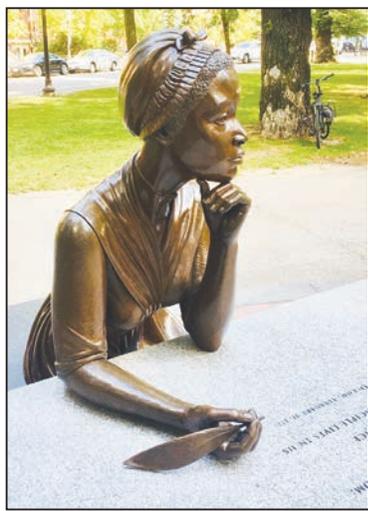
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Phyllis Wheatley is among three female trailblazers immortalized on the Boston Women's Memorial, a trio of bronze monuments on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.



The monument to John Singleton Copley in Copley Square.



A memorial to Benjamin Franklin at Old City Hall.

**NIMOY** (from pg. 2)

posed Nimoy memorial in March of this year, around \$20,000 was donated in the first month, which included some funds that Stocker transferred from his first fundraising effort on Facebook for the cause. But as of Wednesday, Oct. 10, that amount was just shy of \$25,000, or only about 2 percent of the fundraising goal.

Stocker began a campaign on his personal Facebook and Instagram accounts about two months ago to raise awareness of the proposed Nimoy memorial – a series of tongue-in-cheek entries contrasting Nimoy with individuals who have been memorialized in Boston with statuary while comparing their merits for receiving this honor in contrast to Nimoy's own legacy and local accomplishments.

A bronze memorial to Benjamin Franklin, one of the nation's Founding Fathers, by Lewis Cohen stands in Copley Square, while John Singleton Copley, the most famous painter in the colonies, has been immortalized with a bronze memorial by Lewis Cohen that stands in Copley Square.

Franklin left Boston to live in Philadelphia and London, and Copley, a Tory, fled Boston for London on the eve of the American Revolution and never returned to the city.

"An American at heart, he nevertheless was loyal to the crown and never returned to Boston," Stocker wrote of Copley. "But his legacy is shared by museums in both America and Britain."

Likewise, Edgar Allan Poe, another of Boston's Native Sons, didn't achieve literary fame until he left Boston permanently and resettled in Baltimore, although a memorial to him is located at the corner of Boylston and Charles streets at Edgar Allan Poe Square

"An unloved Edgar Alan Poe leaves Boston for good, unappreciated by the critics of his work," wrote Stocker. "On the other hand, Leonard Nimoy, loved the world over, has yet to have his Memorial at the Museum of Science."

Phyllis Wheatley, the first published African American author, was honored alongside Abigail Adams and Lucy Stone, on the Boston Women's Memorial, a trio of bronze monuments to the three female trailblazers on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

Wheatley was kidnapped from her African homeland at around the age of 7 and learned English and Latin on her own, as well as how to write from white children. She began writing poetry as a teen and later went to London. Although Wheatley became a celebrated poet in Great Britain, where slavery was banned, she reported-

ly chose to return to Boston with her adoptive "family," according to Stocker.

"Like his 18th century predecessors, Leonard Nimoy left Boston, but like Phyllis Wheatley, he did return - many times- for charitable events here, and also for philanthropic causes across the country," wrote Stocker. "His Nimoy Foundation for the Arts has helped American museums, as well as Boston's Isabella Stuart Gardiner Museum's Artist Residency program." As for the feedback he has received on the campaign thus far, Stocker said, "Some people were amused and didn't know the people honored by the statues, or the little anecdotes about the subjects."

While word of the proposed Nimoy memorial had been widely disseminated among Trekkies online, Stocker also rented a booth

over the weekend of Sept. 3-5, when Fan Expo Boston (formerly Boston Comic Con,) came to the Boston Convention and Expo Center to further publicize the effort.

The cost of the booth was \$295 for the entire duration of the convention, which included admission for two people to staff it. Parking was an additional \$20 a day, but if you left the lot and came back later the same day, you had to pay again, which happened once to Stocker.

In all, he raised around \$400 from around 100 donors, which just about covered his expenses. "The publicity and spreading the word was certainly worth the time and effort," added Stocker, who said he doesn't anticipate renting a booth again next year when the Fan Expo Boston returns. "I would hope a year from now more corporate entities would have donated," he said.

Stocker also met one of Nimoy's

former co-stars at the convention: Walter Koenig who portrayed Ensign Pavel Chekov on the original "Star Trek" series.

Besides apprising Koenig of the proposed memorial to Nimoy, Stocker also gifted the one-time USS Enterprise crew member who as at the convention to sign autographs, with one of his Vulcan hand-salutation acrylics just ahead of Koenig's 85th birthday on Sept. 14.

"He wasn't aware of [the proposed Nimoy memorial] and a little surprised it was happening," said Stocker, "but said he would certainly spread the word." Unfortunately, this moment wasn't preserved for posterity. "It didn't occur to me to take a photo with him until afterwards," said Stocker.

To donate to the Museum of Science's fundraising campaign for the Leonard Nimoy Memorial, visit [mos.org/Nimoy](http://mos.org/Nimoy).

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# MGH expansion plan gets green light from BPDA board

By Dan Murphy

Mass General Hospital's approximately \$2 million, one million square-foot planned expansion of its Cambridge Street campus received approval last Thursday, Oct. 14, from the Boston Planning & Development Agency's board of directors.

MGH's proposed new Clinical Building at 55 Fruit St. would consist of two, inter-connected 12-story towers facing Cambridge Street and include new beds and clinical facilities.

A portion of the façade of the 1884 Winchell Elementary School (a.k.a. Ruth Sleeper Hall) at 24 Blossom St. will be preserved and integrated into the new building as part of the project mitigation, thanks to the efforts of Rep. Jay Livingstone and City Councilor Kenzie Bok.

"It was always a great project,

but significant community concerns needed to be addressed," said Rep. Livingstone. "I'm pleased at how open Mass General was to working with the community on their concerns and how many of them were addressed as part of the BPDA process."

Other community benefits and neighborhood mitigation from the proposed project include commitments to build a headhouse for the long-discussed MBTA Red-Blue line connector onto North Grove Street and to move its current operations out of a maintenance garage at 12 Garden St. to provide new affordable housing opportunities, as well as for the creation of a new community center at 75 Blossom Court – a hospital-owned property that is now home to J Pace & Son, a small grocery store.

"75 Blossom Court is going to be a tremendously needed ameni-

ty for the community," said Rep. Livingstone.

Moreover, Mass General has also committed to investing in a traffic study for Cambridge and Blossom streets, as well as for making modifications to Blossom Street.

"The money Mass General is providing the city to do a roadway study for Cambridge and Blossom streets, and to make improvements on Blossom Street, has been needed for years," added Rep. Livingstone. "I'm looking forward to that process resulting in improvements to Cambridge and Blossom streets for pedestrians and bicyclists, and that works better for vehicles, ASAP."

Councilor Bok said, "I think that the project is going to affect both the West End and Beacon Hill neighborhoods, which I represent, and I was really pleased that

Rep. Livingstone and I were able to work with [MGH] to get significant community priorities.

"I think that the new West End community center we expect to open next year will benefit the West End, especially our seniors, and they made some major commitments to historic resources all around the neighborhood, and to improving conditions on Cambridge and Blossom streets, which we all know are much too unsafe today," added Councilor Bok.

Rob Whitney, chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association board, commended both Rep. Livingstone and Councilor Bok for working so effectively with MGH and the community to help negotiate the mitigation for the project.

Whitney said the new building design, which includes elements of the Winchell building façade, "looks great," and that "a lot of

West End folks were really happy that some of the history of the West End will be preserved in the same location where it was."

Mass General's commitment to working to solve the area's persistent traffic problem also comes as welcome news to Whitney.

"Traffic on Cambridge Street remains an issue, especially new traffic because of the project, but MGH expressed that they were willing to work with the Beacon Hill Civic Association and neighbors related to traffic on Cambridge Street and how the building would be accessed from Cambridge, Grove, and Blossom streets," said Whitney. "I look forward to continuing to work with MGH and other neighbors to ultimately resolve the issue."

The proposed project still must be approved by state health officials before it can move forward.

## Janey announces the swim safely partnership to increase access to lessons

Mayor Kim Janey announced the Swim Safely Partnership, aimed to increase access to swimming lessons, especially for those who have faced historic and economic barriers. Mayor Janey made the announcement at Roxbury's YMCA, an organization participating in the multi-part community strategy. This initiative seeks to increase swim safety by offering free YMCA swim lessons for children and adults, expanding the lifeguard workforce through free training, and plans to implement a pilot program that offers free swimming lessons for Boston Public Schools (BPS) students at some schools as part of the curriculum.

"Our beautiful City gems, such as our pools and beaches, should be places people can access with safety and confidence," said Mayor Kim Janey. "Too often fear of water due to false and negative cultural assumptions, an overall lack of access, and the dearth of swimming caps to properly accommodate Black hair prevent enjoyment of these resources. I applaud all our community partners for expanding access to life-saving swimming skills that will also boost the physical, mental, and social well-being of our City's residents."

Swimming accidents are a public health threat. The Commonwealth saw far too many drown-

ings this year, including here in Boston. These tragic accidents coupled with a lifeguard shortage highlight the need for action.

According to the American Red Cross, swimming lessons reduce the risk of drowning by 88 percent. To help address this need locally, the YMCA of Greater Boston has emerged as a key partner, offering free swimming lessons, starting on November 1st. The organization will offer 8-week sessions at the Roxbury YMCA, the Dorchester YMCA, and the Menino YMCA (Hyde Park).

"We proudly welcome Mayor Janey to the Roxbury Y," said James Morton, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Boston. "We appreciate her attention to this much needed swim safety program and for recognizing the Y as a strong partner in this work."

The YMCA will also help increase the lifeguard workforce by providing free training and certification, in collaboration with BPS high schools. These trainings will provide an excellent opportunity for youth employment in the City, while also ensuring the safety of our pools and waterfront spaces. Boston Public Schools is also planning a pilot program in the winter/spring to explore offering swimming lessons as part of the curriculum for some students.

"It is so important that our

children, particularly in communities of color, develop swimming and water safety skills that will stay with them for the rest of their lives," said BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius. "The Boston Public Schools recognizes swimming as an important life skill and is excited to work alongside our City and non-profit partners on this critical initiative. All of our students deserve the opportunity to access the wealth of resources and recreational activities a coastal city like ours has to offer."

Nationwide, drowning is the leading cause of death in children aged one to four and the second leading cause of accidental death in children aged one to fourteen. Black children ages 10-14 are more than seven times more likely to drown than white children of the same age, according to the CDC.

Economic inequities also persist. A 2017 report commissioned by USA Swimming found that in families with an annual household income below \$50,000, 79 percent of children have little or no swimming ability.

The Swimming Safely Partnership programming emphasizes cultural competency, including community conversations led by the Save the Harbor Women of Color Coalition and the provision of Soul Caps, specially designed

swim caps for natural hair, to program participants.

"The Boston Harbor Women of Color Coalition is overjoyed to be part of this initiative and to host culturally informed community conversations that will provide an extra level of comfort for our community members of color to confidently support their children and families in, around, and after swimming in pools and any of the amazing blue spaces Boston has to offer," said Maya Smith, Partnerships & Program Development Director at Save the Harbor Boston and co-founder of their Women of Color Coalition. "Mayor Janey is helping to ensure that our communities will have safe and equitable access to swimming and waterways including the incredible resource that is Boston Harbor, and we are proud to share that mission."

Additional partners who have joined this important initiative include the Boston Triathlon, which will be developing more youth competition in the City and exposing young athletes to the sport of swimming.

"The Boston Triathlon is committed to helping organize and provide additional swim clinics throughout the year in the City of Boston. Together with USA Swimming and USA Triathlon we will continue to grow our 'Splash and

Dash' so children across the City have access. We want to increase accessibility and remove barriers for people of color to our sport," said Michael O'Neil, President of the Boston Triathlon.

The financing of this initiative will come from various sources, including an investment from Mayor Janey's Joy Agenda, which was matched by a philanthropic contribution from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

"Blue Cross is committed to the health of children and families in our communities," said Jeff Bellows, Vice President of Corporate Citizenship and Public Affairs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. "We're proud to partner with the City to ensure that all kids, and especially those living in under-resourced neighborhoods, learn how to swim by providing free swim lessons and water safety classes to Boston's youth."

This new program builds off of the City's existing water safety efforts including swim lessons and other aquatics programs offered by Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF).

For more information about the Swim Safely Partnership, to receive swim lesson sign-up information, or to learn more about lifeguard training, please email swim@boston.gov.

# NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

## FALL-O-WEEN CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL' COMING OCT. 22 TO THE COMMON

Acting Mayor Kim Janey and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor its 'Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival' at the Boston Common Parade Ground (near the corner of Beacon and Charles streets) on Friday, Oct. 22, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Adults and children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in a wide range of fun and spooky family activities. Test your skills and courage to find your way out of the Haunted Fun House Maze, hop on the train hosted by Cabot Creamery Co-op-

erative, and make your way over to our glow in the dark play space for some nighttime fun featuring LED illuminated swings, seesaws, and cornhole. Join LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston to build a LEGO® pumpkin for our pumpkin patch and learn how to build spooky creatures with Lego Master Model Builder, Sean. Enjoy exciting acts from the Boston Circus Guild with performances by an aerial artist and stilt walker between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

This free family-friendly event will also include glow-in-the-dark games, children's crafts, scarily delicious snacks and refreshments provided by Cabot Cheese, Dunkin', and HP Hood LLC. Join Harvard University's Stress & Development lab for fun games

focused on learning about the brain and how we think. A monster mash of activities will include a visit from the Massachusetts Horticulture Society, the Mass. Audubon Society, an art activity with the Mayor's Mural Crew, and other fun fall and Halloween activities.

For more information, visit <http://ow.ly/uqDl50GfyvQ>.

## HALLOWEEN TALK RECALLS HISTORY OF LEVERETT STREET JAIL

The West End Museum presents "Ghosts in the Museum: The Leverett Street Jail," a Halloween talk presented by Duane Lucia,

the museum's president and curator, on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7.

Located approximately where the West End Museum is today, the Leverett Street Jail served as the city and county prison for some three decades in the mid-19th century (1822-1851). The institution was a flashpoint for such hotbed issues as capital punishment, slavery and abolitionism, blasphemy, and women's rights. The Jail was infamous for overcrowding and intermingling inmates with no regard for severity of crime. Seven of 10 women incarcerated there were innocent, arrested purely on the word of others for such offenses as speaking out about politics. Numerous executions by hanging took place within its walls, in

close proximity to West End residences; one newspaper wrote: "A clear view of the execution could be witnessed from a dozen houses on Lowell Street, and one building at the end of Wall Street. The windows of these houses were filled with persons of both sexes, and on the back sheds were crowded boys and girls, and men and women of all ages. People swarmed upon the tops of buildings, and outside the jail, where no possible view could be obtained..."

Admission to the event is free with a costume, and tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ghosts-in-the-museum-the-leverett-street-jail-tickets-182922735827>.

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## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

*Isabel Wildflower (right), who recently moved to Grove Street, married Ciara Mundy on Sept. 20 in a small, intimate wedding (only the couple, their officiant, and their photographer were in attendance) in Greensboro, Vt.*

*Wildflower, who was born and raised in Vermont, was studying abroad when she met Mundry, a native of North Yorkshire, England.*



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## CITY PAWS

# Companion caregiving

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

At some point in a companion animal relationship, we become caregivers. It may be for a short-term illness or injury, a chronic condition, or aging issues. Over the summer, our Westie Poppy needed a dental procedure, and we were reminded that caregiving requires organization and a team effort.

### Finding Care

During the height of the pandemic, Poppy had an accident that loosened two tiny teeth. We became advocates for our dog from day one. First, we reached out to Dr. Jake Tedaldi at Vetcall.com for a home visit to advise us on the seriousness of the injury. Next, we set up an appointment at Angell Memorial, where we learned that they did not have any available dental appointments until 2022.

We thought about the veterinarians we had interviewed for articles over the years and reached out to a team that had impressed us. We called Boston Veterinary Clinic, and they were able to set up a con-

sultation and scheduled surgery to remove the teeth. They were also able to do a complete dental. (Ed brushes Poppy's teeth twice a day, so this was the first dental for our little nine-year-old.)

### Following Instructions

A dog or cat can't prepare for a procedure on its own. That's our job. We had a set of appointments and instructions for the days leading up to the surgery.

Over the years, we've found setting up timelines, and medication charts are worth the effort.

As a part of the clinic's fear-free veterinary care, we had a mild anti-anxiety medication to give Poppy ten hours and two hours before dropoff. As with any surgery, there was also a time when we had to withhold food and water. Those items and the times when they should occur were put into a spreadsheet and printed out as a checklist.

When we arrived home with Poppy after her dental procedure, we read her aftercare instructions, then set up, and printed a medication chart for the next two weeks. We took photos of her teeth along

the way to be sure we could see progress. And, as always, Ed added anything of note to the reporter's notebook he keeps on Poppy.

### Caregiver Burden

While our recent caregiving for Poppy was short-term, we have faced chronic issues and the care needed due to age-related problems with our other dogs.

Zazie Todd Ph.D. recently wrote about "Caregiver Burden" regarding companion animals for Psychology Today. She noted that, "Caring for a pet with a chronic or terminal illness or serious behavior issue can involve making changes to one's schedule or lifestyle. As well as the initial shock of learning about the issue or diagnosis, there is the difficulty of coming to terms with it and the fact that life may not be the same again. There is the financial cost of vet visits and treatments, the challenges of giving treatments at home, and changes to what the pet can or cannot do. There may also be impacts on the pet guardian's health."

Remember to take care of yourself during any period of caregiving. You might ask a friend,



After her dental surgery, we used puppy pads in Poppy's crate to protect her bedding and make us aware of any residual bleeding.

relative, or pet sitter to give you some time off when you feel you can't leave your furry friend alone. Relieve anxiety by making a call to your veterinary team if something that is part of your pet's condition has you worried.

Happily, Poppy has fully recovered. She's back to playing with

her toys and chomping on oatmeal treats. For us, this bout of companion caregiving is over.

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