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BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

Thank You for Helping! Undecorating Weekend

Thank you once again to the friends and neighbors who came out last weekend to undecorate the hill. We sincerely appreciate everyone's time and effort.

A special thanks to Mr. Tom Kershaw of Hampshire House, who hosted the annual Volunteer Breakfast on Sunday. It was enjoyed by all!

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Working with a Smile – Despite the Mess

Many thanks to Code Enforcement Officer, Eurice Rojas, for tackling this situation with a professional and positive attitude!



Code Enforcement Officer Eurice Rojas at the site of a residential trash mess last Friday on Anderson Street at Cambridge St. Fortunately, Officer Rojas was in the area when the numerous 311 calls came in.

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Forced to close last week, Beacon Hill Cleaners finds a helping hand

By Dan Murphy

When Beacon Hill Cleaners learned last week that they would have to indefinitely vacate their longtime home at 151 Charles St. with less than two days' notice, the office of District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok stepped up to lend a hand.

Beacon Hill Cleaners, which has operated continuously at the Charles Street location since opening in January of 1991, received a letter dated Jan. 3 from the Boston law firm of Ruberto, Israel & Weiner P.C. The letter, sent on behalf of the drycleaner's landlord, Charles and Cambridge Corner LLC, informed the business they must vacate the premises by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6. Structural concerns related to excavation and construction next door next door



D. MURPHY PHOTO

The currently shuttered Beacon Hill Cleaners at 151 Charles St.

at 149 Charles St., the former home of the Beacon Hill Pub, was given as the reason for this man-

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Proposed Charles Street bistro meets with unfavorable community response

By Dan Murphy

A new bistro poised to take over the basement level space at 89 Charles St., formerly occupied by Artu, has so far met with a less than enthusiastic response from the community.

Ono Bistro would offer "plates from countries inspired by all

countries around the world," with a focus on tapas dishes, according to the business plan presented at the Jan. 4 virtual meeting of the Beacon Hill Civic Association Zoning and Licensing Committee, and which can also be found on the BHCA website (bhcvic.org).

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Draft RFP for redevelopment of West End Library discussed

By Dan Murphy

The draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment of the West End Branch Library was the topic at hand during a virtual meeting sponsored by the city on Jan. 10.

The city is proposing the redevelopment of the site of library, which opened in the 1960s, into a mixed-use development expected to include "a new ground-floor space for the library and multiple floors of primarily income-restricted, affordable housing above," according to the draft objectives for the project.

The city released an approximately 40-page working draft of

the RFP for the proposed project just before Christmas, said Joe Backer, senior development officer for the Mayor's Office of Housing.

Guidelines for the new library branch outlined in the document include that the "core and shell building" must devote between 17,500 and 19,000 usable square feet on either the ground floor or the first two floors of the development to the new library. (The library would most likely occupy two floors, said Backer.) The development team won't design the interior of the space, since "the Boston Public Library will lead a separate process to design and fit out this space as a new library branch," said Backer. The guide-

lines also mandate that the new space be provided at cost to the BPL, as the land would remain under city ownership while the housing operator would enter into a long-term agreement with the city.

The housing component, which has been envisioned as either four floors with 50 units or nine floors with 80 to 90 units above the library, intends to deliver mostly, if not all, affordable, income-restricted units on the site. But "there has been an openness to considering proposals with a relatively small portion of units that are unrestricted (market-rate) and/or restrict-

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Hayden sworn in as the Suffolk County District Attorney

Special to the Times

Kevin R. Hayden was sworn in as the Suffolk County District Attorney on Monday, January 9, at Roxbury Community College.

Hayden was appointed by Governor Charles Baker to the fill the unexpired term of Rachael Rollins who was appointed United States District Attorney for Boston by President Joseph Biden. The following is Hayden's Inaugural Address:

Good evening. It's so wonderful to see everyone gathered here. I'm truly honored and humbled to stand before you for my inauguration and swearing in as the elected District Attorney for Suffolk County.

There are some thank you's I need to offer up at the outset. First, thank you to all my supporters. Whether you volunteered on my campaign, made a contribution, put a sign on your lawn, or simply voted for me and encouraged others to do so, I thank you. I thank you for believing in me and for believing in a vision of what's possible in Suffolk County.

Thank you to my Transition and Community Advisory Committee for your support. I look forward to the important foundational work we'll do together.

Thank you, Ralph Martin for hiring me way back in 1997 and for your many years of mentorship, support and friendship.

Thank you, Governor Baker for the confidence you had in me to appoint me as the interim D.A. and for your guidance and leadership.

Thank you, Senator Collins and Representative Tyler for your incredible support.

Thank you, Chief Justice Budd for doing the honor of swearing me in this evening.

Thank you, all our police officers in Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop, and at the MBTA

and State Police, for your selfless service.

Thank you to all of my staff at the District Attorney's Office for your tireless commitment to justice, public safety and the welfare of our Suffolk County residents. You are the greatest group of public servants working for the best D.A.'s Office in the Commonwealth, and perhaps even one of the best in the nation. For all my A.D.A.'s here I look forward to the honor of swearing you in at the conclusion of this program.

Thank you to all of the elected officials here today, my partners in government. I look forward to continuing to partner with all of you as we work to make Suffolk County even greater.

Thank you to all the residents of Suffolk County and your commitment to what is right...good...fair...and just...and your concern for public safety and the support of those impacted by crime.

Thank you to my mom, Charlene Roberts-Hayden, for your unconditional love and constant prayer. All my life you've been faithful, all my life you've been so good.

Thank you to my wife Michelle and my sons Jordan and Carson. I love you more than words can express. To my beloved Michelle, I am nothing without you, and to my 2 sons you make me so proud every day.

I want to start by sharing a story of a chance meeting I had with a young man just before Christmas, and a card I received on the first day back in the office in 2023.

[Tell story of meeting young man from Power Corps Boston on the steps of West Roxbury District Court – Career development program paying and preparing young adults in need of support for a career in the green industry].

[Read card from survivor.] Over the years I've witnessed many testimonies like this and I'll touch upon

them again later in my address.

When I returned to the office about a year ago it was exciting and surreal. The honor of returning to where my career began... to an office and county that has always had my heart...to a calling to serve as leader of this great office...was extraordinary and is still somewhat difficult to even put into words.

But I CAN put into words some of the things we've done already.

We created the Boston First Program to focus on firearm violence, gun trafficking and unsolved shootings.

We created a new Civil Rights Unit with prosecutors in the district and superior courts.

We established a community engagement team to create neighborhood partnership, collaboration and trust that will achieve a level of community-based prosecution never seen before.

We launched our Services Over Sentences Program to provide true assistance and real alternatives to prosecution for those battling with substance use disorder at Mass and Cass and even beyond.

And while I believe we're off to a great start, there's much left to do. The statistics for last year showed a continuing drop in serious crime in Boston, but an increase in gun arrests involving youth and an alarming spat of violence this fall. I believe we must deal with crime comprehensively and collaboratively to get to the root of the problem.

We will create the Suffolk County D.A. Youth Engagement Council, made up of young people from throughout Suffolk County, to gain a deeper and better understanding of the factors at play in youth violence, and how to create effective prevention strategies.

We will also create the Emerging Adult Alternative Resolution Program in collaboration with the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior at M.G.H. and Harvard Medical School. This program will offer real, comprehensive alternatives to prosecution for Suffolk County's young adult population.

We'll be seeking additional funding to expand our Services Over Sentences program to tackle the opioid epidemic. We've already seen great outcomes since we launched last summer, and we want to help even more people in their paths to recovery.

Our Transition and Communi-



From left: Kevin Hayden, Carson Hayden, Michelle Hayden, Jordan Hayden and Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Kimberly Budd.

ty Advisory Committee will assist in the development of our strategies to address crime intervention and prevention, and enhance community trust and operational transparency and accountability.

The Suffolk County District Attorney's office has been nationally recognized for decades now thanks in large part to the incredible work of my predecessors. Ralph Martin gained country-wide recognition for bringing the office out of the courts and into the neighborhoods. Dan Conley built on that while creating the Juvenile Alternative Resolution program and establishing specialty courts to help veterans and others with sentencing alternatives. Rachael Rollins added data-driven outcomes and historic accountability with the Crime Strategies and the Integrity Review Bureaus.

And I declare here today that our best and brightest days of community safety...and neighborhood security...and systemic reform still lay ahead. When we unite in faith and hope... when we work together in faith and hope... we can achieve amazing results.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Even when we can't see it we must know that our hope is never mere nor meager. When all other senses sleep our eye of hope is the first to awaken and the last to shut. Today more than ever, we must hold unwaveringly to hope. But hope for what? Well one main hope for me is the multiplication of overcomers.

If you've heard me speak at all recently you already have a flavor

of what I'm about to say. But I'm determined to speak this message into existence. An overcomer is defined as someone who prevails over opposition, difficulties, conflict, or attack. An overcomer is someone who knows weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning. An overcomer is someone with a spirit who won't allow themselves or others to be defeated by tragedy or adversity... and thus ultimately triumphs.

An overcomer won't suffer alone and seeks to find refuge, solace and peace in the sharing of fellowship with others. Whether you're a homicide survivor who has lost a loved one to violence, or a survivor of rape, human trafficking or sexual assault who now ministers to others, someone who's gotten sober and triumphed over substance use disorder who now mentors or sponsors another, or are a returning citizen who has turned your life around and is now helping others do the same, YOU ARE AN OVERCOMER! You will help transform Suffolk County. It is by and through the spirit of overcomers the curse of violence in Suffolk County will be broken. I believe when the power at work in restored overcomers is poured out and multiplied, miracles will happen, deliverance from the clutches of crime and violence will become manifest. The mission of this office will be to always fight for you and stand with you each and every day.

I thank all of you, I am humbled by the opportunity you have given me, and I stand ready to lead this wonderful office. Thank you.

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Charles River Conservancy calls for citywide ‘shadow protection policy’ amid Longwood Place proposal

By Dan Murphy

With the proposed Longwood Place mixed-use development project in the Fenway poised to cast new shadow on the Emerald Necklace, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy is now petitioning the City of Boston to adopt a citywide “shadow protection policy” to prevent the creation of any new shadows on its public parks.

Skanska USA Commercial Development intends to redevelop Simmons University’s approximately 5.8 acre residential campus located at 305 Brookline Ave. into approximately 1.75 million gross square feet of residential, office/laboratory, retail, restaurant, commercial, community space, and parking. The project would comprise five buildings, ranging in height from 320 feet to 170 feet, and would replace a cluster of brick dormitory buildings that currently occupies the site.

In a letter dated Nov. 21 of last year to Sarah Black, the Boston Planning & Development Agency’s project manager for Longwood Place, Karen Mauney-Brodek, president of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, which is part of the city’s Impact Advisory Group (IAG) for the project, wrote: “While the proposal has evolved somewhat through the process and has included improvements, the Conservancy finds this project, in its current form, due to its scale and resultant significant shadow cast to be unacceptable for the public parks’ waterways, landscapes, recreational park users and commuters.”

Shadows from the development would “cover significant areas of the park,” lasting up to two hours in some cases, according to Mauney-Brodek, and they would be most noticeable during the morning and evening commutes.

“This park is an active corridor for commuters, including many medical area workers, in all weather conditions,” she added. “This development, as proposed, would cast new shadow on vegetation and waterways that need sunlight for health. Additionally, due to snow and ice they would make pathways less safe for walkers and bikers travelling through the park in winter months.”

Mauney-Brodek further asserts in her letter that the project doesn’t adhere to the “Longwood Medical and Academic Area’s Interim Guidelines,” which can be found on the BPDA website, and state that no “no project will be approved if it casts any new shadow for more than one hour on the

Emerald Necklace, Joslin Park or Evans Way Park.”

These guidelines also “call for a maximum prevailing height(s) of 75, 150 and up to 205 feet (varying by proximity to the named parklands),” according to Mauney-Brodek.

“Longwood Place in its current form casts shadows for more than 60 minutes on large swaths of the Riverway, Justine Mee Liff, and the Back Bay Fens Parks,” she wrote. “Moreover, the proposed heights in the project are up to 320 feet, far exceeds the area’s ‘interim guidelines.’”

Moreover, an online petition (available at <https://www.change.org/p/protect-the-emerald-necklace-parks-please-don-t-take-our-sunlight-away?redirect=false>) started by Steve Wolf of the Fenway with the goal of preventing new shadow from encroaching on the Emerald Necklace due to new development had garnered 469 signatures towards its target of 500 signatures as of the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 11.

In response to the shadow concerns raised by the Charles River Conservancy and others, Kelly Farrell, landscape designer and ecologist for Sasaki, wrote in an email: “Since the start of the design process in the summer of 2021, the design team has consistently reduced new net shadows, thanks in part to productive community feedback. The current plans will result in new shadows limited to the early portions of the morning along the Riverway and later portions of the afternoon along Higginson Circle, hours when sunlight is less direct, and the flora may be less impacted photosynthetically. Given the light tolerances of the plant species that currently thrive in the Emerald Necklace, coupled with a lack of research showing consistent plant responses to building shadow, we believe the new shadows will have a negligible impact on the flora or ecology of the Emerald Necklace.”

Additionally, Carolyn Desmond, vice president of development for Skanska USA Commercial Development Inc., wrote: “We pride ourselves on our thoughtful approach to creating emerging sustainable design solutions that matter to our communities. Our proposal for Longwood Place follows the city’s latest Planning Vision, Imagine Boston 2030, which reflects the growing needs of the Longwood Medical Area and Fenway neighborhoods, and which identified this site as an extension of the dense, walkable, mixed-use core. From the outset of this proj-

ect, we have been responsive to the community, and our collaboration has resulted in increased affordable housing, even more accessible open space, and improved public realm and transportation enhancements. Our intentional effort has achieved a consistent reduction in net new shadow with each subsequent iteration of the PDA project.”

In her letter, Mauney-Brodek urged the BPDA and the development team to reconsider the Longwood Place proposal while giving particular attention to its impact on public parks, especially since, in her group’s estimation, the project as proposed could “threaten to undermine” the dredging of the Muddy River, along with the “restoration of the plantings and paths along its banks.”

To this end, the Charles River Conservancy is urging the City of Boston to immediately start developing a “shadow policy for all parks citywide,” according to Mauney-Brodek. Less than 2 percent of the city’s parks (i.e. the Boston Common and the Public Garden) are currently protected from future shadow impacts, while height restrictions are in place only for the first block of development along some limited areas of the Emerald Necklace. By working from shadow policies already in effect in other cities, she estimates the City of Boston could complete its shadow policy by the fall of 2023. And as in other cities, “the Parks and Recreation Commission should review all proposed development that would cast new shadow on a public park,” she wrote.

Since Longwood Place is expected to be a multi-phased development that would get underway “four or more years from now,” the Conservancy is requesting that if Planned Development Area (PDA) approval is sought for the project, it must require that each new building is evaluated to ensure consistency with the citywide shadow policy, as well as ensure that the Boston Parks and Recreation Commission review and evaluate any potential new shadows, wrote Mauney-Brodek.

In a letter to Mayor Michelle Wu, also dated Nov. 21 of last year, Mauney-Brodek again lobbied for the adoption of a citywide shadow policy.

She suggested that the formula that the city uses to calculate contributions for affordable housing and job training from large-scale development projects could be updated “to support parks, transportation, daycare or other public goods like in other cities.”

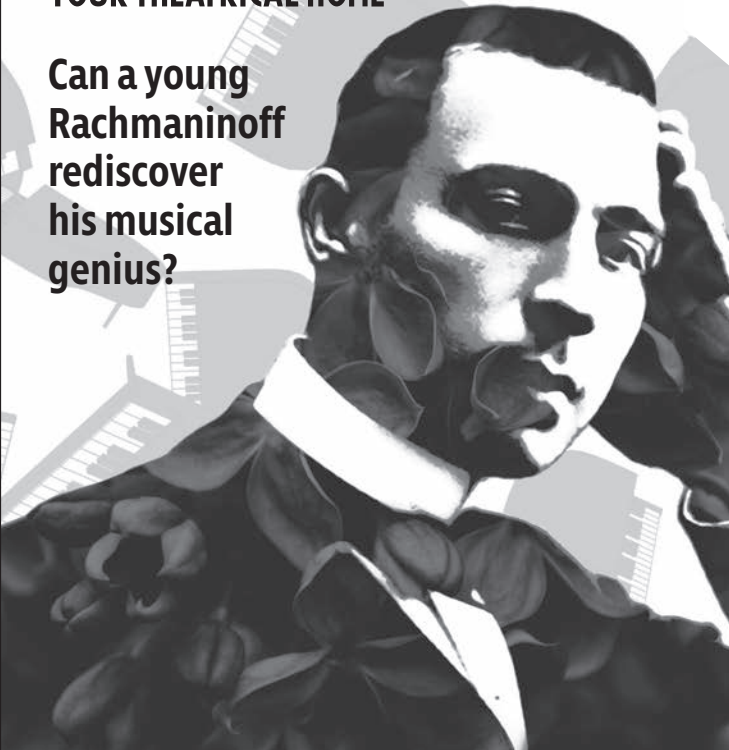
Mauney-Brodek also points to the success of Philadelphia’s recently instituted “Soda Tax,” which to date has raised around \$385 million to finance myriad projects in that city, including parks and libraries.

“Some might argue that ‘this is the wrong time; for a new policy, or that we cannot object to a proposal that has been working its way through the review process,’” she wrote. “But all are better off with clear rules that provide certainty for our parks, residents, communities, leaders, builders, institutions, and workers. We all need to understand the opportunities and limitations in a context based on consensus instead of the current mayhem that pits one public good against another, and the success of the few.”

In response to the Charles River Conservancy’s concerns, a BPDA spokesperson wrote in an email: “The BPDA and [Boston Parks and Recreation Department] have committed to conducting a study to analyze shadow impacts on the Emerald Necklace. The BPDA is also committed to using the resulting recommendations from that study to inform a new policy that will regulate the impacts of future developments on existing and new open spaces. Mitigation funding provided by the Longwood Place developer will be used to support the study. The project will also contribute funding for BPRD to set up an endowment that will support the ongoing maintenance and preservation of this critical public asset. The package of mitigation funding totals \$7 million.”

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EDITORIAL

WE MUST NEVER FORGET THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

For those of us of a certain age, it is hard to imagine that 2023 will mark 55 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. Recalling how we felt when he first heard the news of Dr. King's murder still brings chills and a deep sense of sadness that never has subsided.

For those who are too young to have been alive in that era of American history, there are a few things that everyone should know about Dr. King that should provide inspiration to all of us.

First, Dr. King was fearless. He knew from the inception of his rise to prominence of the civil rights movement that he would become a target for those who opposed change. Yet, even though he often told others that he believed his death would be imminent, he did not relent in his fight to continue his work in the civil rights movement.

Second, Dr. King stood for the rights of all Americans, not merely those of color. Indeed, he was in Memphis working with striking sanitation workers whose pay and working conditions he was seeking to help improve. He was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War because he knew it to be an unjust war, not only for poor Americans who could not get a college deferment for the draft, but also for the people of Vietnam, whose homeland was being bombed into oblivion at great profit for the American military-industrial complex.

To be sure, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was not perfect. No person is or ever has been. Dr. King was just like any of us; he had his strengths and he had his weaknesses.

If Dr. King were alive in the present era, there is no doubt that he would have been in the forefront of the Black Lives Matter movement that highlighted the ongoing racism and economic inequality that oppresses Americans of all races today.

By any measure, Dr. Martin Luther King was a great man. His speeches ring as true today as they did two generations ago; indeed, his "I Have A Dream" and "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speeches are among the most powerful not only in American history, but in all of Western civilization.

All of us should realize from the example set by Dr. King that in each of us is the power to change the world. We may not be as gifted as Dr. King was with his oratory, but each of us has the capacity to inspire others, whether through our words or deeds, whether on a small or large scale, to make the world a better place.

Many of our fellow citizens have followed the path set by Dr. King and many more will do so in the years ahead. So as we celebrate Martin Luther King Day, let us recall not only his memory and the many things he accomplished, but the great things that his legacy is continuing to bring about more than two generations after his death.

"THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN HERE...." "OH WAIT -- IT DID!"

For those of us who have been around for a while, the spectacle that unfolded this past weekend in Brazil, where thousands of the fascist followers of former President Jair Bolsonaro stormed that nation's capitol buildings in a violent attempt to overthrow the government of the recently-elected President, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, was the sort of news that we regularly watched with indifference.

"Well, that's just one of those countries," we would think to ourselves self-assuredly, secure in the belief that something like that NEVER could happen in the United States. To be sure, we had Watergate, but that never ever approximated the realm of a military junta or some other group forcibly seizing power from a democratically-elected government -- though we should note, the U.S. government often was behind that sort of thing.

But as all of us know all too well, the violence that took place in Brazil was virtually a replay of exactly what happened at our Capitol two years ago on January 6, 2021, when a few thousand of our fellow Americans, urged on by an American president who similarly had just lost an election, stormed our Capitol building in an effort to thwart the counting of the Electoral College and the peaceful transfer of the Office of President.

The political pundits continue to debate whether what happened on 1/6 was an anomaly or whether it will be the new normal. We can only hope that the democratic principles upon which our nation was founded will make it through what promises to be more turbulent days ahead.

GUEST OP-ED

Kevin McCarthy, President Joe Biden and Congress must work to solve problems

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Recently, in a Mexican restaurant in Houston, Texas, a patron shot and killed a man who was robbing other patrons. The robber was masked and brandishing what appeared to be a pistol. If the man who shot the robber is charged with murder for protecting himself and others from a potentially lethal threat, then we have a serious problem.

We have another problem. Millions of undocumented people have crossed our border from El Paso to San Diego and in between. America is being invaded. We do not have enough free housing, welfare and food stamps to support all these people.

Biden wants to mobilize 85,000 IRS agents who will find every dollar they can to support the millions of undocumented people roaming our nation. How many more dollars can the IRS squeeze out of your pocket? Do you have property that they can seize and sell for a few dollars? 85,000 agents will need to find something to do and most likely they will be checking up on everyone.

Arizona has been patching holes in their border with containers which has been working. Biden ordered that the containers be removed. Over one million undocumented people have crossed into America through Arizona during Biden's Presidency.

Can you imagine being a farmer or just living on the Southern Border? This is 24-hour a day nightmare for these landowners. Do you think anyone wants to buy their property? These same people are coming to your community. They are looking for jobs and housing. They need money and food. Do you have plenty of affordable housing in your community? Do you have big free food banks to feed these people? If you need a reasonably priced apartment, I would suggest you snatch it fast because people are coming who need that apartment and they may have more help from the government than you do to underwrite the costs.

McCarthy, Biden, and Congress must bring back every job we have

outsourced to China. We can no longer do business with China. The people who have been living in America the last few years need jobs and millions of new undocumented workers need jobs. By the way, do you remember when the United States Census was a once every ten-year job? Now, Census workers have to work year-round chasing down people who will not complete U.S. Government Census information. How many full-time census workers will it take to chase down all of these undocumented people?

If Biden, McCarthy, and Congress do not protect Social Security your town will probably have to close up. Over 70 million Americans count on Social Security income. Social Security is all or over half of all this number receives each month. As the buying power of the retired population suffers, each community suffers. The government collects social security taxes from people to subsidize us in our old age. Americans will be back into abject poverty if they don't keep Social Security strong.

Affordable housing, medical insurance and jobs that pay over \$15 an hour must also be McCarthy and Biden commitments. We must be able to buy health insurance across state lines. State governments need to make

it easier for working poor to have health insurance. We need real people to answer the telephones in the state and local governments. Websites need to be simple and seamless. Working poor Americans feel like their local states aren't that interested in helping them.

Making medical care more affordable will solve problems for everyone including the insurance companies. Publicly listing the cost of services and surgeries was a good idea that most medical providers don't seem to be following. Making pharmacy purchases from Canada easier is imperative for struggling Americans.

We have some problems in America. Biden, McCarthy and Congress have a lot to do. Name calling, and aggressive behavior in the House only makes for a few seconds of television stupidity. America has some problems. We need for McCarthy and Biden and Congress to step up and help us solve them.

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date.
 (Charles and Cambridge Corner LLC, a subsidiary of the Egeria Group, an Amsterdam-based capital management firm with offices on Newbury Street, completed the purchase of 151-151A Charles St. as part of a portfolio, which also contained 153-159 Charles St., from Atlantic Capital Partners in January of last year.)

Several tenants of residential units above Beacon Hill Cleaners were also vacated from their homes due to the structural concerns.

Upon learning of the predicament facing Beacon Hill Cleaners, Councilor Bok and her staff were able to secure a van, generously loaned to them by Boston Building Trades and Plumbers Local 12, which was used on Friday night to transport customers' clothing to the Quincy home of the business's owners, Le Dung Thi Tran and her husband, Hai Van Tran. The Trans plan to store customers' clothing at their home temporarily until they can return the garments to their owners.

"[The Trans] spent the brief notice period before the closure calling through all their clients to let them know about this surprise development," wrote Councilor Bok. "Without access to their brick-and-mortar space for the time being, they will be hand-delivering customer items to Charles Street by request for now."

Beacon Hill Cleaners has no idea how long they'll be out of their Charles Street space, said Councilor Bok, whose office has brought this to the attention of the city's Small Business team. Her office will also be standing by to offer the Trans any additional help they need, added Councilor Bok, "whether through city grants or by helping to find them a new location if necessary."

Councilor Bok wrote: "I'm very distressed about what has happened in the past week to Beacon Hill Cleaners. Having to close with less than two days' notice would be hard for any local business, and it's especially tough for a dry cleaner, as they hold customer items onsite for extended periods of time. When we heard about the emergency closure, my team knew how difficult it would be for Beacon Hill Cleaners, and we offered to help however we could."

Moreover, she added: "The Tran family's high quality work and fair prices have made their business a fixture on Charles Street for more than three decades. Their loyal patrons include many Beacon Hill residents and other businesses on the street. At a time when we're



COURTESY OF CITY COUNCILOR KENZIE BOK'S OFFICE.

Le Dung Thi Tran, co-owner of Beacon Hill Cleaners (center), with her son, Long Tran (at left), and City Councilor Kenzie Bok (right).

trying to get more local immigrant-owned businesses into our downtown business districts, it's especially disheartening to see a business like this go through such an unexpected disruption through no fault of their own."

Councilor Bok called Beacon Hill Cleaners "an example of what makes Charles Street such a strong ecosystem of independent local businesses," as well as a neighborhood business "we don't want to lose."

Neither the Egeria Group, nor Ruberto, Israel & Weiner could be immediately reached for comment.

Neighbors can express support, and customers can schedule retrieval of their garments, by calling 617-742-6919 or emailing BeaconHillCleaners151@gmail.com.

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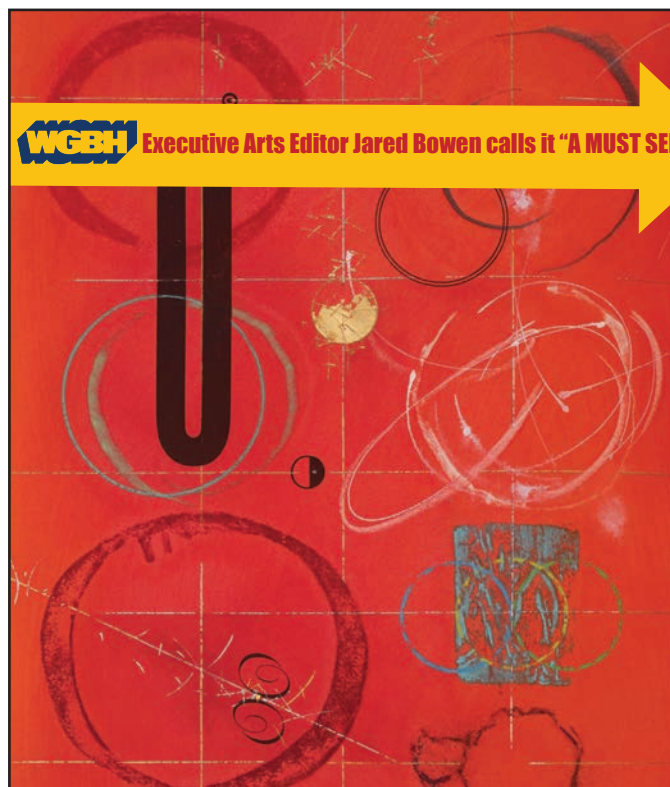


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BISTRO (from pg. 1)

The proposed hours of operation are 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week, and the restaurant would offer a “30-minute lunch guarantee to serve the area’s office workers better.”

The restaurant’s management team comprises Danny Baez De Vasquez, described in the business plan as the “Mother, Secretary, Treasurer, and Beneficial Owner”; John Lawson, CEO; and Michael A. Dejesus, vice president and founder.

The 856 square-foot restaurant would have 30 seats inside, in addition to an outdoor patio, and intends to employ more than 40 people, according to its business plan. The restaurant would offer breakfast, lunch and dinner for dining in, as well as for delivery and takeout.

Menu entrees listed on Ono’s website (onoboston.com) include the Bistec (Beef Steak) comprising thin-cut marinated steak with green peppers, red peppers, and onions; Chuletas De Cerdo Frita, center-cut fried pork chops; and Pechuga a la Plancha, a boneless grilled chicken breast with light garlic and parsley sauce.

Fish entrees would include

Salmon a la Plancha, grilled salmon with light garlic and parsley sauce; Chillo Entero al Gusto o Frito, a whole red snapper, fried or cooked in garlic, vinaigrette, creole, and coconut sauce; and Camarones en Salsa, shrimp cooked in garlic, vinaigrette, creole or coconut sauce.

Appetizers would include Ceviche de Camarones, shrimp marinated in lemon juice; Pastelitos de Pello, Res o Queso, chicken, beef, or cheese mini-patties; and Almejitas en Salsa Criolla o Ajo, mussels cooked in creole or garlic sauce.

Dessert offerings include sweet potato cake, carrot cake, and fruit tart, among other items.

At the Jan. 4 virtual Zoning and Licensing Committee meeting, neighbors in attendance raised a number of complaints and concerns with the business, said Tom Clemens, committee chair, at the Jan. 9 virtual monthly meeting of the BHCA board of directors.

Neighbors expressed a range of grievances with the business’s operations since the Ono team acquired the space in June of 2022, including the use of the alley, as well as impacts associated with ventilation work at the rear

of the restaurant. Trash disposal and other areas of the business’s operation were also concerning to neighbors, as was the “financial stability” of the proprietors, who have been sued by landlords over unpaid back rent and are also apparently in arrears to other creditors, said Clemens.

Clemens also said to the best of his knowledge, the proprietors have not secured a Certificate of Occupancy from the city for the premises.

The applicant ultimately opted to defer their application with the Zoning and Licensing Committee to allow time to resolve problems with their neighbors, among other issues, said Clemens.

(The applicant was only seeking a Common Victualler (“CV”) License from the city at this time and wouldn’t serve any alcoholic beverages upon opening, but in their business plan, they also stated they are “pursuing the purchase of a beer, wine, and cordials license.)

The proposed Ono Bistro was also scheduled to be the subject of a virtual abutters meeting sponsored by the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services on Tuesday, Jan. 10.



D. MURPHY PHOTO

The proposed future home of Ono Bistro at the basement level of 89 Charles St.

A phone number for the business (617-932-7941) that appears on Ono’s website is out of service, while the website also listed Oct. 31 of last year as the targeted date for the restaurant’s grand opening.

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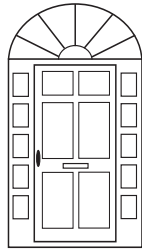


JOHN COREY PHOTO

Last week’s story in this publication on the caterpillar sculpture created by Nancy Schön and her daughter, Susan, for Waban Common in Newton noted several of Nancy’s other works of public art. But the story neglected to mention Myrtle the Turtle, a 4-foot bronze turtle sculpture that Nancy created for the Myrtle Street Playground on Beacon Hill. The turtle sculpture, which was unveiled in 2019, was a gift to the community from two longtime Beacon Hill residents, Miguel Rosales and John Corey.

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WORKER FALLS TO HIS DEATH FROM MGH BUILDING ON BLOSSOM STREET

A contractor working at Mass

General Hospital accidentally fell to his death on the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 9, according to published reports.

Authorities reportedly responded to the scene at about 12:29 p.m., after receiving notification that someone had fallen from the roof of MGH's Gray/ Bigelow Building on Blossom Street.

The incident is under investigation by the hospital, as well as by federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Boston Police, and other agencies.

BHCA (from pg. 1)

Upcoming Meetings

Architecture Committee – Monday, January 16th at 5:00pm via Zoom

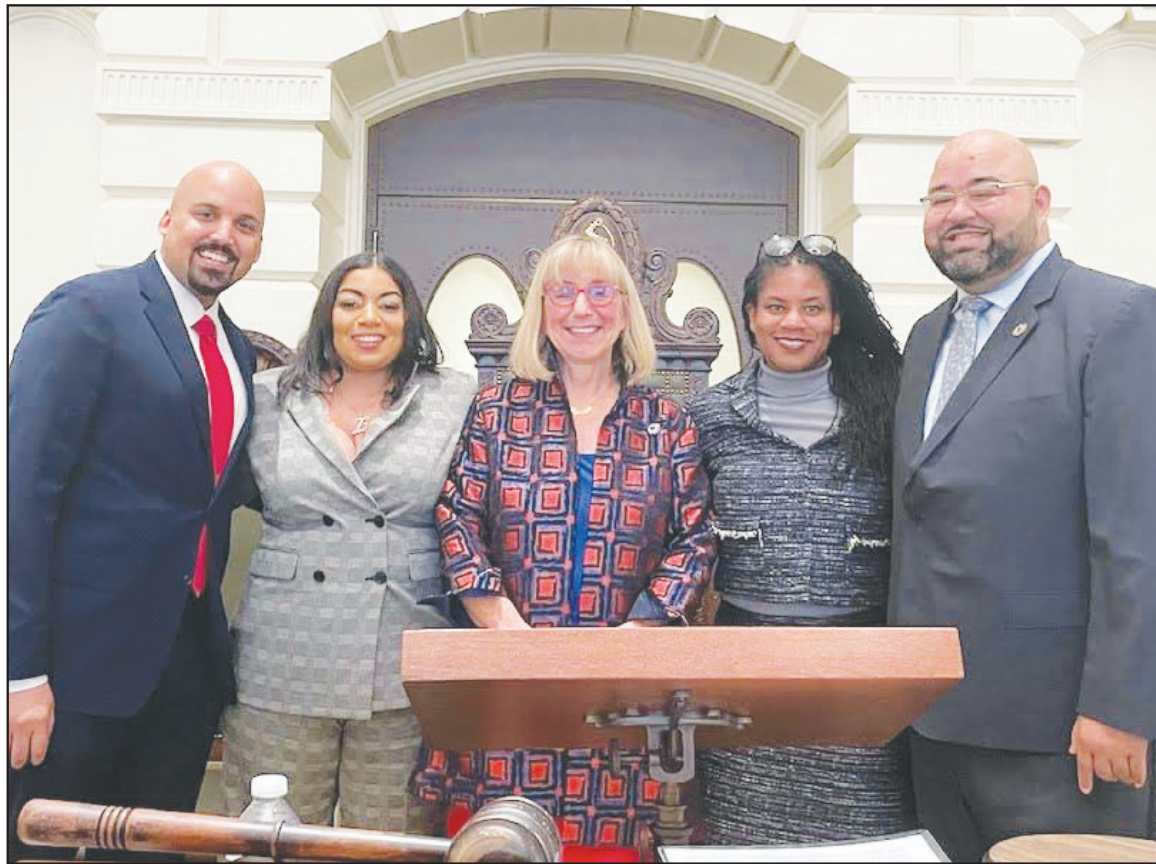
Green Committee – Thursday, January 18th, 5pm via Zoom

Young Friends – Wednesday, January 25th at Teddy's; 7pm

50th Annual Winter Soirée – February 11, 2023 at The Newbury Boston.

Visit the Beacon Hill Civic Association website www.bhcivic.org or call the office (617-227-1922) to learn more about these events.

INAUGURATION DAY



State Sen. Lydia Edwards is pictured on Inauguration Day Jan. 4 at the State House with some of her colleagues in the Senate. From left, are Sen. Pavel Payano, Sen. Liz Miranda, Senate President Karen Spilka, Sen. Lydia Edwards, and Sen. Adam Gomez.

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Extrasensory dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Do you ever suspect that your dog has some form of extrasensory or telepathic powers? When one of us is out, our Westie Poppy races to the door long before the sound of footsteps in the hall or a key in the lock should alert her to an arrival.

This “power” is so common that scientist Rupert Sheldrake wrote a book about it, “Dogs That Know When Their Owners Are Coming Home: And Other Unexplained Powers of Animals.”

Penny read it years ago and reread it recently in light of all the current research on this topic. Sheldrake quickly explained when

the information about dogs’ special powers was anecdotal stories vs. evidence and controlled studies.

In addition to knowing when you are coming home, Sheldrake also discussed emotional support and therapy dogs’ abilities to comfort people. He noted service dogs’ ability to alert people to seizures or drops in blood sugar. And discussed how sensitive animals might predict earthquakes and other disasters.

Better Senses!

Writing in Psychology Today, Jessica Pierce, Ph.D., explained, “The sensory world of dogs overlaps with ours, but also extends well beyond ours in some areas. Smell is the most obvious sensory



A keen sense of smell enables some service dogs to alert to an oncoming seizure, change in blood sugar level, or an anxiety attack. (Photo by: Ralph Kayden)

modality in which dogs excel, having a far more powerful nose and a much larger area of the brain dedicated to processing olfactory information than humans. Dogs can also hear sounds that we cannot hear and will pick up on different visual information than we do.”

This keen sense of smell enables service dogs to alert their humans to an oncoming seizure, change in blood sugar level, or an anxiety attack. They learn to differentiate between a person’s familiar scent

and the change that precedes an episode.

Animal-Human Bond

Both scientists agree that some of what seems extrasensory is due to the strong bond between dogs and people. Dogs evolved to depend on and please people. They have special skills (and even a particular section of their brain) dedicated to reading our intentions, moods, and needs. Pierce writes, “...dogs are not psychic, but they might as well be. They have

incredible skills when it comes to reading, predicting, and intuiting the feelings and intentions of their human companions.”

Sensing Disaster!

Dogs seem to sense the approach of thunderstorms and earthquakes. Scientists speculate that this may be due to a heightened sensitivity to changes in barometric pressure as a storm approaches. You may notice your dog’s agitation long before you hear thunder. As for earthquakes, most dog alerts have happened a short time before humans. This, again, might be more sensitive proprioceptors or sensory receivers in their joints.

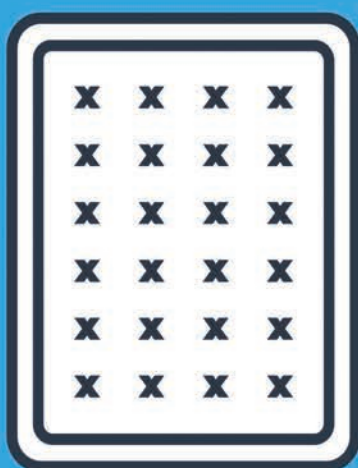
Dogs Pay Attention!

Dogs have the advantage of having less on their minds than we do, with fewer distractions and responsibilities. Their approach to the world is more mindful. Mindfulness lets them use their senses better and react to what they perceive as a danger or a way to get what they need.

If you’ve ever watched a dog focus on a squirrel or a treat in someone’s hand, you have seen examples of single-minded attention to one thing.

When was the last time you saw your dog try to multitask? Dogs can teach us to pay better attention to what our senses tell us. Perhaps we can repay our canines by learning to read their signals, communications, and, therefore, their needs and wants by paying the kind of attention to them that they do to us.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.



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North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through January 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.

Contraflow Pilot

- Beginning, Monday, January 9 2023, MassDOT will be implementing a pilot contraflow traffic setup on the temporary bridge during evening peak traffic (3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday for 6 months.
- The temporary bridge's current roadway set up provides 1 northbound lane and 2 southbound lanes. As part of the contra-flow pilot during evening peak traffic there will be 2 northbound lanes and 1 southbound lane.
- Traffic monitoring will be in place to determine if the contra-flow traffic setup is effective in improving traffic flow.
- The contraflow will not be in place during holidays or inclement weather.
- Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic during set up and operation of the contra-flow.

- Scheduled Work**
- Weld repairs wrap up
 - Installation of bridge deck formwork at North Abutment
 - Installation of electrical conduits on bridge structure
 - Installation of steel support and bolting
 - Installation of marine wooden fender
 - Installation of sidewalk steel and formwork
- Work Hours**
- Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
- Travel Tips**

For everyone using the temporary bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

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.

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. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, the following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

- BRUINS: 1/12 at 7:00 p.m., 1/14 at 7:00 p.m., and 1/16 at 1:00 p.m.
- CELTICS: 1/9 at 7:30 p.m., 1/11 at 7:30 p.m., and 1/19 at 7:30 p.m.
- ALL OTHER EVENTS: 1/21 at 9:00 a.m.

How can I find more information? Stay up-to-date and informed by following the @MassDOT twitter account and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

You can also sign up to receive project updates via email by clicking this link.

Project website: Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement

Project email: NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us

LIBRARY (from pg. 1)

ed at workforce housing levels (e.g. 120 percent of Area Median Income),” according to Backer.

Deeply affordable housing-units could be delivered via a unique partnership with the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), since Boston is currently around 2,500 units below its “Faircloth Limit,” the maximum number of federal public housing units in the city eligible for a federal subsidy.

Regarding public realm and neighborhood context, development guidelines and objectives state that the project should match the “context” of Cambridge Street, while “striking a balance” between taller buildings and the 45-foot Otis House next door.

No on-site parking would be required of the project, given the tight space constraints, as well as nearby public transit options.

The city also acknowledges that most street trees are unlikely to survive construction, so all proposals should include a “tree plan,” said Backer.

The Mayor’s Office of Housing will also make dedicated subsidy funds available via the RFP, including that all development projects meeting the agency’s basic thresholds will be eligible for up to \$1.5 million in subsidy while “proposals that exceed the minimum requirements for deeply affordable units may be eligible for additional funding,” according to Backer.

The city hopes that have a tentative developer designation by this summer, said Backer. This would come on the heels of the Mayor’s Office of Housing conducting an “Internal Comparative Evaluation” of all proposals, as well as hosting a public “bidders’ conference” where all developers who meet the minimum requirements can make their presentations in order to solicit feedback, he said.

The Mayor’s Office of Housing will evaluate each proposal based on several criteria, including the development plan; the development concept; developer experience and capacity; the developer’s financial capacity; the developer’s cost feasibility; equity and inclusion; and housing affordability.

A separate architect will be selected by the city for the library component of the project who will work closely with the architect selected by the development team for the residential component of

the project. Three or four public meetings would likely be scheduled once the city’s architect has been selected to allow them to present their proposal and solicit public feedback, according to city officials.

Sebastian Belfanti of the West End Civic Association was one of many in attendance who urged the city to make provisions for a temporary branch library during the two- to three-year construction period when the West End Branch Library will be closed.

Colin Zick, a Beacon Hill Civic Association board member, echoed this sentiment, calling the BPL’s decision not to make temporary provisions for the West End Branch Library “a misguided and short-sighted policy.”

Said Zick, “This is a vital, vital service for many, and many of the users are elderly and unable to travel.”

Likewise, City Councilor Kenzie Bok said three years is way too long a time period for the neighborhood to be without a branch library and added that her office would advocate for more library services in the neighborhood.

Priscilla Foley, the BPL’s director of neighborhood service, responded, “The idea of taking a storefront and creating a mini-library is not something we can accommodate. It might seem as simple as renting a storefront, but a lot more goes into it than that.”

Foley added that book pickup and delivery also wouldn’t be an option during the construction period.

John Achatz of Beacon Hill urged the city to include “adequate bike storage space” in the RFP.

Backer replied that the city would “look at where bike storage can be added” and also said that bike accommodations are a “very integral part” of the city’s Article 80 review for large-scale development projects, which this project would undergo.

Moreover, Backer said while the city hopes to release the RFP next month, that an updated draft document could likely be made available to the public beforehand.

“We want to release the RFP by February so we can get through the review and selection process by the summer,” he said.

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Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU23P0009EA Estate of: Bettina H.

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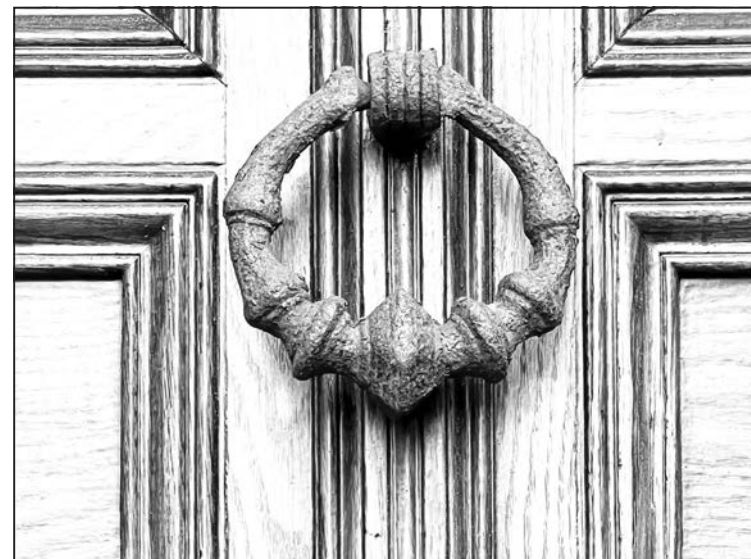
THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The door in the last clue is on 76 Chestnut Street, built circa 1828 and attributed to Cornelius Coolidge. That door once led to the "Book Store." In 1990, the book "Uncommon Boston" recommended this stop to visitors on a booklovers' tour, saying, "Inside, the shop is cozy and has an excellent children's section."

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THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold a public hearing on January 19 at 5 p.m.

ZOOM: [HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/91352370951](https://zoom.us/j/91352370951)

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

Attention: This hearing will only be held virtually and NOT in person. You can participate in this hearing by going to: <https://zoom.us/j/91352370951> or calling 1 (929) 205-6099 and entering meeting id # 913 5237 0951. You can also submit written comments or questions to BeaconHillAC@boston.gov.

I. Design Review Hearing
APP # 23.0344 BH 103 Charles Street

Applicant: Jim Bellanca
Proposed Work: New Intercom
APP # 23.0478 BH 60 Joy Street
Applicant: Ken Crisafulli

Proposed Work: Add CPA plaque to property mandated for receiving CPA funds from the City's tax payers

APP # 23.0525 BH 73 Pinckney Street

Applicant: Monika Pauli
Proposed Work: At rear facade visible from Grove Square, replace existing low metal balcony railing w/ new code compliant black metal railing, reinforce balcony if required, Increase height of balcony door to existing stone lintel (See Additional Items Under Administrative Review)

APP # 23.0526 BH 83 Myrtle Street

Applicant: Christion Pettaway
Proposed Work: Replace the existing front door. Replace the existing doorbell with a new ring doorbell concealed behind a brass plate

APP # 23.0457 BH 7 Chestnut Street

Applicant: Mark Van Brocklin, Embarc Design

Proposed Work: Replace all windows on the front facade. All with existing (historic) pane configuration.

Windows will be double paned, compared to the existing single pane (non-historic) windows. Install new light at main entrance,

new front door hardware, new service entry door and hardware, new roof deck, new HVAC equipment, new intercom (See Additional Items Under Administrative Review)

II. Advisory Review
APP # 23.0476 BH 19 Myrtle Street

Applicant: Ken Crisafulli
Proposed Work: Review and comment on window mock-up at rear of structure

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

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

Please Note That Following Issuance Of The Determination Sheet No Further Correspondence Will Be Issued For The Applications Listed Below. The electronic building-permit application as annotated by commission staff will constitute your Certificate of Appropriateness; this will be valid for two years from the date of the approval letter. The applicant is required to notify the commission of any project changes; failure to do so may affect the status of the approval.

If you have any questions not addressed by the above information, please contact staff at 617.635.1935 or BeaconHillAC@boston.gov Thank you.

APP # 23.0457 BH 7 Chestnut Street: Patch and repair existing slate roof as needed (natural slate to match existing), patch, repair, and repaint wood trim,

paint off-white: Benjamin Moore "dove wing", repair copper gutters and downspouts, repair front oriel roof using historic materials. Restore, and paint existing window sills and headers as required, paint taupe/gray: Benjamin Moore "revere pewter."

Repair and repoint existing brick masonry and stone facades as required. Patch, repair, and repaint wood trim, paint off-white: Benjamin Moore "dove wing." Clean, patch/repair, and paint decorative railing. Repair and repoint existing brick masonry and stone

facades as required, restore front entry door, clean and repair front stone steps as needed, install shutters (See Additional Items Under Design Review)

APP # 23.0460 BH 22 Chestnut Street: Replace and repair bricks and mortar on chimney

APP # 23.0527 BH 1 Otis Place: Paint exterior painted features black per paint analysis, reinstall missing shutters, shutters painted black to match exterior painted surfaces (black), replace non-historic metal grates at basement level. Install new metal grates on

remaining basement windows

APP # 23.0525 BH 73 Pinckney Street: At rear facade, top level increase height of masonry opening to existing original stone lintel height on (3) window openings & install new custom wood true divided light double-hung windows. New brickmold to match existing (See Additional Items Under Design Review)

III. Ratification Of December 15, 2022 Public Hearing Minutes

Iv. Staff Updates

Projected Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.

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Wu encourages families to utilize Boston Saves January incentive

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Mayor Michelle Wu announced an incentive to encourage families of Boston Public Schools (BPS) K2-3rd graders to take advantage

of Boston Saves, the City of Boston's children's savings account (CSA) program. BPS K2 - 2nd grade families who log in to the program's online savings platform for the first time by January 31,

2023 will earn an extra \$25 for their child's account. This money, plus the \$50 provided in every Boston Saves account and any additional incentives families earn, can be used to pay for their child's

future college or career training, providing a financial boost to their child's future. Boston Saves is a collaborative effort between the Worker Empowerment Cabinet (WE) and Boston Public Schools.

"Boston Saves is part of our efforts to connect Boston's young people and families with every economic opportunity possible," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This collaborative program provides families with a chance to plan early and save even more for their children's future. As we start 2023, I encourage all of our newly participating families to log in to Boston Save's online savings platform and take advantage of this incentive."

"The Boston Saves program is one of the best ways to prepare for your child's academic and professional future," said Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper. "It's never too early, or too late to participate, and the January promotion is the perfect time, if possible, to invest a little bit extra into your children's future. We encourage all of our families to take advantage because data shows students who are enrolled in the Boston Saves program are more-likely to enroll and attain a degree in college or a career-training program."

Boston Saves is a tool for working families to save and plan for their children's future college or career training by providing every BPS K2 kindergartner with a CSA automatically seeded with \$50. The incentive encourages families to take a crucial first step towards unlocking the program's many benefits. More than 1,300 BPS families earned a total of \$32,825 for their children's futures through last year's January incentive.

When a family logs in to the Savings Center, they can:

- See the money in their child's Boston Saves account
- Link their own financial account to the Savings Center to track all their savings for their child in one place

- Earn more money for their child's Boston Saves account by taking simple steps like reading with their child, or saving regularly

Additionally, Boston Saves motivates families to earn more money for their child through regular incentives, and provides financial education and resources that make saving easier and helps families get ahead. Since the program began, Boston Saves has provided funds more than \$1,040,000, including \$113,000 in family-earned incentives, to more than 18,580 students.

Research shows that the mere presence of savings can motivate

post-secondary success. In one study, low-income children with less than \$500 in an account dedicated to higher education were three times more likely to enroll in college and four times more likely to graduate from college.

"Boston Saves is a great initiative from the City of Boston to help families learn about the importance of saving," said Erin DiCarlo, parent of two Boston Saves' students at the Adams Elementary School. "With financial literacy often lacking in schools, this program helps teach families to have their children begin saving for their future at a young age. It also gives students an incentive to read!"

The Boston Saves incentive will be applied to the accounts of all students whose families have logged in to the Savings Center for the first time since November 2022, when the platform first became available to current K2 kindergarten families. Currently, all K2-3rd grade students in BPS have Boston Saves accounts. Families of students in select older grades may also have accounts (and thus be eligible for the promotion) if they were part of the Boston Saves pilot program or joined a pilot cohort. Families that have eligible children should have received an email from bostonsaves@boston.gov with a direct link to log into their child's account. Parents/guardians who believe their child is eligible (K2-3rd grade BPS students) but did not receive an email can contact the Boston Saves team at bostonsaves@boston.gov with their child's name, grade and school. Find more information about Boston Saves including eligibility requirements at BostonSavesCSA.org.

Managed by the Mayor's Office of Financial Empowerment, Boston Saves is the City of Boston's children's savings account (CSA) program. Starting in K2 Kindergarten, Boston Saves provides each student with a CSA automatically seeded with \$50 for their future college or career training. The program also provides opportunities for families to earn additional Boston Saves Dollars for their child's account and to take advantage of financial education resources that make saving easier.

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