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COURTESY OF NOAH LUCIA OF BOSTON BUDO

Noah Lucia (left) receives a blow from Dale Butler, a participant in the karate class offered by Budo Boston at the Brookline Senior Center.

## Residents of Amy Lowell Apartments learn to stay 'Savvy & Safe'

By Dan Murphy

Residents of the Amy Lowell Apartments in the West End have been learning the basics of staying safe on the street via "Savvy & Safe" - a four-part workshop conceived and offered by Boston

Budo, a Beacon Hill-based karate school.

Noah Lucia, owner and operator of Boston Budo, is leading the program that kicked off July 10 at the apartment building and continues over the next three consecutive Monday nights before

wrapping up on July 31. Around a dozen participants, most of whom were seniors, were on hand for the first class.

"Traditional martial arts, as we know, is block, kick, and

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## District 8 candidates at WECA meeting

By Dan Murphy

Twelve days ahead of the Special Election to fill the District 8 City Council seat vacated by Kenzie Bok, the two candidates - Montez Haywood and Sharon Durkan - were both on hand for the West End Civic Association's monthly meeting on Thursday, July 13, at

the Amy Lowell Apartments.

Each candidate was allotted just over a half hour to introduce themselves and outline their campaign priorities, as well as to respond to questions from around 40 meeting-goers.

Haywood, an assistant district

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COURTESY OF SHARON DURKAN

Sharon Durkan.



COURTESY OF MONTEZ HAYWOOD

Montez Haywood.

## Wards 4, 5, and 10 hold City Council At-Large Forum

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

As we inch closer to election season, the Democratic Committees of Wards 4, 5, and 10 hosted a candidate forum for those in the City Councilor At-Large race to discuss several topics on Thursday, July 13.

The forum, which touched on topics such as housing, council collegiality, public transit, and more, was moderated by Abdallah Fayyad, an Opinion Writer at the

Boston Globe who is a member of the media outlet's Editorial Board and was notably a Pulitzer-Prize finalist last year.

As part of the rules for the forum, each candidate was given one minute to answer any questions and was muted following the timer's elapse.

Those participating in the forum included incumbent City Councilors At-Large Ruthzee

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#### BHCA Young Friends - The Summer Shindig

Join other Young Friends members for a night of cocktails, bites, and dancing the night away, with a spectacular view of the city skyline! It's the perfect reason to take out that fun, dressy outfit and party with other Young Friends on Friday, August 18, from 7-10 p.m. at the elegant ballroom of the UMass Club. All tickets include one complimentary drink

at the cash bar. Non-Members welcome and creative black-tie attire is encouraged! Purchase tickets at [www.bhcivic.org](http://www.bhcivic.org).

Thank you for attending the City's Active Transportation Dept.'s "Drop In" session last Wednesday evening regarding plans for bike lane installation (multi-modal transportation) on Charles Street. The next meeting is Tuesday morning on July 25th, 7:45-9:15am, at the intersection

of Charles and Cambridge Streets.

Our neighborhood deserves a thoughtful, honest, and collaborative public process, and your voice is important. Please attend these meetings and share your comments with the BHCA ([patria.tully@bhcivic.org](mailto:patria.tully@bhcivic.org)).

Please continue to attend the "Drop In" sessions with the Active Transportation Team on Charles Street:

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# EDITORIAL

## YES, OUR DEMOCRACY IS ON THE EDGE

The national political scene is probably the last thing that any of us want to be thinking about in the middle of July, but some recent events are making it clear that the attack on the Capitol on January 6 was just the opening round of what promises to be an unprecedented assault on our democracy and Constitution not seen since the Confederates fired on Ft. Sumter in 1861.

For example, former vice-president Mike Pence has been greeted with a chorus of boos at recent gatherings of conservative groups, particularly when he told the crowd that he lacked the authority to overturn the Electoral College results of the 2020 Presidential election.

Similarly, former Arkansas governor Asa Hutchinson, who has been a vocal critic of former President Trump for the past few years, was booed repeatedly at a recent convention of young conservatives.

What these and other incidents demonstrate is that there is a solid percentage of our fellow Americans who do not believe in the basic principles of our democracy and who will use any means necessary to achieve their goals.

These folks claim to be "patriotic Americans," but being a patriotic American does not merely mean waving the flag -- it means respecting our Constitution and our laws -- and it is obvious to anyone paying attention that many of these folks are gearing up for what may be a violent uprising in 2024 that will strain our nation's democracy to a degree not seen since 1861.

## HERE'S SOME CONSOLATION FOR SOX FANS

With the Major League Baseball season resuming after the All-Star break, the Red Sox appear destined to relegation to the realm of mediocrity. Sure, they're above .500, but our Sox don't appear to have either the pitching or the hitting to make a run to the playoffs.

However, as we looked briefly at the standings on Monday, there was one ray of brightness -- the Yankees were in last place in the American League East with us!

There is a term for what we were feeling -- *schadenfreude* -- the concept that one derives happiness only from the misfortunes of others.

To be sure, we're disappointed that the Sox once again will be on the outside looking in.

But if the Yankees also are out of the playoff picture -- well, that's a cause for joy in and of itself.

## MORE BIZARRO COMMENTS BY RFK JR.

Well, as if right on cue, two days after our editorial last week ("RFK Jr. is a disgrace to his family name") about the delusional "campaign" for President by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., he made this disturbing comment at a luncheon in New York City, which was reported by the New York Post:

"There is an argument that it (COVID 19) is ethnically targeted. COVID-19 attacks certain races disproportionately. COVID-19 is targeted to attack Caucasians and black people. The people who are most immune are Ashkenazi Jews and Chinese."

As the Anti-Defamation League and others have pointed out, Kennedy's comments are not merely ludicrous, but they encourage those who might believe in his bonkers conspiracy theories to engage in dangerous racist and anti-semitic behavior.

It is obvious that Kennedy is on an ego trip -- his "campaign" for president is an old-man's version (he's 69) of a mid-life crisis. Hopefully, he'll continue to make even more nutty pronouncements so that soon enough he'll go back to where he came from and we won't have to put up with him.

## Four proposals for West End Branch Library redevelopment detailed during public meeting

By Dan Murphy

The Mayor's Office of Housing sponsored its first of two virtual public meetings to review submittals to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the proposed redevelopment of the West End Branch Library on Tuesday, July 18.

MOH released its RFP on April 3 for the redevelopment of the site of the library, which opened in the 1960s, into a mixed-use development, which would include a new ground-floor space for the library itself, along with multiple floors of primarily income-restricted, affordable housing above it. The deadline for submissions was June 15. Eight submissions were submitted to the city that met the criteria for the RFP, and four proposals were reviewed at random during the first meeting, with the remaining four to be evaluated during the second meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 25.

The first proposal came from Beacon Communities, a private Boston real-estate development firm, in partnership with Caribbean Integration Community Development, a Mattapan-based nonprofit housing and community development organization. It includes plans for a seven-story building containing 20,000 square-feet of "core and shell space" for the library branch on the development's ground floors, as well as 84 one-bedroom rental units for income and age-restricted seniors above it, which would be 100-percent affordable.

A new plaza would be created along Cambridge Street, which would serve as the entrance to both the library and the residential component of the building, while private garden space in back would be available for the building's residents.

Construction could commence on this project in the fall of 2025 and is expected to wrap up in the fall of 2027, with the building fully leased by the spring or summer of 2028, according to members of the project team.

In the second proposal, Evergreen Urban Edge JV LLC com-

prising two local firms -- Chicago-based Evergreen Redevelopment LLC and the Boston nonprofit, Urban Edge Housing Corporation, Inc. -- is proposing a building for the site, including a new, two-story library branch attached to a nine-story residential tower containing 85 units of 100-percent affordable housing (a mix of studios, one-, two-, and three-bedroom units).

Besides a reading garden at the rear of the library, this project also includes plans for a shared outdoor space between the new building and the adjacent Otis House Museum, along with eight off-street parking spaces for use by the museum, said members of the project team.

In a third proposal, the Planning Office of Urban Affairs, Inc. -- a nonprofit housing developer formed in 1969 by the Archdiocese of Boston -- together with CSI Support & Development Services -- a national nonprofit specializing in building affordable housing for low-income seniors -- have submitted a plan for a new, two-story 19,500 square foot, library branch, along with 97 units of affordable, intergenerational housing for seniors and families. The housing mix would include one-, two-, and three-bedroom units.

The fourth proposal came from Pennrose LLC for a 174-foot building, which includes a 25,000 square-foot new library space with a two-story entry pavilion on Cambridge Street, along with a residential tower above it containing 121 income-restricted rental units (a mix of studios, one-, two-, and three-bedroom units, with 90 one-bedrooms).

The residential tower would be pushed back 50 feet from the library component so not to cast any new shadow on the Otis

House Museum, said Sapir Ng, a project architect.

Additionally, this project would also have the same setbacks as the existing library, added Ng, and would create a welcoming urban plaza along Cambridge Street, with new trees and seating, as well as space for an outdoor classroom.

The MOH's second virtual meeting scheduled for July 25 will comprise the remaining four presentations, including one from the national nonprofit Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. in partnership with Case Capital, LLC for a two-story branch library and 12 stories of affordable housing above it containing 119 units; another from Community Builders, Inc., a Boston nonprofit, together with a Boston architectural firm, JGE Development, for a 10-story building containing 87 affordable apartments above a two-story branch library; a third proposal from the Michaels Organization, a national real-estate developer, for a 10-story building, which would contain 87 units of affordable housing above a new, two-story branch library; and a fourth proposal from Trinity Financial, in partnership with Norfolk Design & Construction of Dedham, for a 21-story building, including 180 mixed-use housing units and a two-level branch library.

All of the proposals can be accessed online at [bit.ly/westendproposals](http://bit.ly/westendproposals), and visit [bit.ly/westendpresentations](http://bit.ly/westendpresentations) to register for the July 25 meeting.

The public-comment period for proposals closes on Aug. 18. Public comments can be submitted to [bit.ly/westendcomment](http://bit.ly/westendcomment), or submitted via email to Joe Backer, senior development officer for MOH, at [joseph.backer@boston.gov](mailto:joseph.backer@boston.gov).

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# Boston Planning & Development Agency Board approves IDP changes

By Adam Swift

Mayor Michelle Wu's proposal to increase affordable housing units in new construction in the city was approved by the Boston Planning & Development Agency's (BPDA) Board of Directors at its monthly meeting last week.

The change to the city's inclusionary zoning policy would see the effective rate of affordable units in new developments increase from 13 to 20 percent, and codify the changes in the city's zoning ordinances. The inclusionary zoning amendment okayed by the board would require 17 percent of units in developments of seven or more units to be affordable, with an additional 3 percent set aside for Section 8 vouchers.

The proposal will next go to the City Council before heading to the

Boston Zoning Commission for possible approval.

The proposal passed the board by a 4-0 vote, but several members did raise concerns about how the change could impact market rate residential development in the city.

Inclusionary development programs require market-rate developments to create affordable units on or off site, or in some cases require developers to pay into a fund that would be set aside for the development of affordable units.

"Boston's Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) was created by executive order during the Menino administration," said BPDA Planning Director Aimee Chambers. "It has been updated over time, most recently in 2015, when the current guidelines were established."

In 2021, a home-rule petition was passed which would allow the IDP to be incorporated into the city's zoning ordinances. That petition requires that the zoning text be approved and reviewed by the city council before going to the zoning commission.

In 2022, a feasibility study was initiated by RKG Associates and the Mayor's Office of Housing to study potential changes to the city's inclusionary zoning policy, Chambers said.

"The financial model enabled the city to test prototypical developments to understand the financial implications of changing the existing IDP ordinance," said Chambers.

The current IDP policy applies to new developments of 10 or more units which require zoning relief. While the current policy

allows for as low as 13 percent of new units to be set aside as affordable, Chambers noted that developers are generally showing a greater commitment to affordability.

"On average, the current process is generating a set aside of 17 percent," Chambers said. "Because of the IDP, developers have created over 4,000 on-site and off-site income-restricted units, and 688 units are currently in construction."

Developers have also made over \$200 million in IDP contributions, she said.

Under the new policy, developments would not need zoning relief to trigger the income-restricted units, it would be based purely on the number of units. In addition, the income-restricted unit percentage could be satisfied either by

the number of affordable units, or total square footage of the development. Chambers said this could potentially create larger affordable units for families.

"I recognize that there are many strong views on what is that right percentage to both address the significant housing need that we have, particularly with affordability in the city, and still making Boston attractive for developers to want to invest in it and make sure it is financially feasible," said BPDA Board Chair Priscilla Rojas.

Boston Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon said that while the city's goal is to increase the amount of affordable housing and mixed-income development in the city, it does not want to do it in a way that would impede market-rate development. She said the con-

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attorney with the Suffolk County District Attorney's office since 2006 who launched an unsuccessful bid against newcomer Bok for the District 8 City Council seat in the fall of 2019, made his pitch first.

"I want to put us in the position where we can accomplish tasks and accomplish things," said Haywood, who added that he's "running to be a retail politician."

If elected, Haywood said his work as a city councilor would include tending to matters, such as fixing potholes on Nashua Street and addressing the "crumbling" condition of Thoreau Path.

On the matter of building usage in and around the West End, Haywood, who lives in the Avalon building, said he would adamantly oppose providing services for the homeless, as well as for drug treatment, out of a building owned now by Mass General Hospital at 75 Blossom Court, which was formerly home to J. Pace & Son, a small grocery store.

"That would be a non-starter for me," he said. (Despite Haywood's admonishment, no formal proposal has been made to site such services at this location, as was pointed out by those in attendance at the meeting.)

Instead, Haywood proposes providing 500 beds with wrap-around services (but no kitchens) from a retrofitted cruise ship at an existing dock at North Jetty Pier previously used for aircraft carriers; this, he said, could be delivered at a cost of between \$30-40 million, according to a MIT white paper on cruise ship conversion

into affordable housing drafted in February.

"We're already spending the money when we put them in jail. We're already spending the money when we put them in the hospital. I propose we spend the money better," he said.

Haywood suggested that the city employ the cruise-ship model while the bridge to the 800-bed Long Island Shelter Clinic is being reconstructed.

But he was skeptical when it came to a suggestion that the city ship people off to receive treatment on Thompson Island in the Boston Harbor, however.

"You can't force people to get on a boat," said Haywood. "If you take them to Thompson Island, they don't have any say. As a city, we're now violating their rights."

Regarding the Alcott Apartments in Bulfinch Triangle, Haywood said it's twice the size of what was promised to the community.

Haywood also expressed concern regarding two proposals for skyscrapers on Causeway Street, adding that while he's "all for housing, but there comes a point where [the city is] overdeveloped."

Likewise, Haywood pointed to the need for a "corridor of green space" in the West End, which, he said, could come as part of mitigation for Mass General's new building on Cambridge Street.

Haywood also said that development projects in the neighborhood, including Mass General's expansion, along with the proposed redevelopments of the West End Branch Library and the Hur-

ley Building, need to be considered holistically.

While he emphasized that he's not "anti-bike" and acknowledged that opting for bicycles over cars can help combat climate change, Haywood said he would oppose any bike lane proposed for Charles Street, as well as for Berkeley and Boylston streets. He cited public safety concerns among his reasons for taking this position, saying that bike lanes could potentially hinder firefighters from easily accessing some addresses.

Meanwhile, Haywood said he would support a fully elected school board for Boston Public Schools, adding that there "needs to be someone who can be held directly accountable to neighbors and us."

Durkan, a longtime political organizer in the city who moved to Boston in 2015 to work for then-City Councilor Michelle Wu and has chaired the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee since 2019, followed Haywood.

She outlined her four biggest priorities if elected as creating "affordable, attainable housing"; promoting "quality transit and safe streets"; advocating for "mental health care for all"; and forwarding "climate resilient neighborhoods."

"I really care about being someone who is compassionate," said Durkan, who said she hopes to follow in Bok's footsteps by striking a balance between compassion and public safety.

If elected, Durkan committed on her first day in office to taking a close look at just how exactly

mitigation funds are being spent and bringing the community to the table for this process.

"It shouldn't be this hard to get what the community wants and take countless hours to get what the community needs," she said.

On the matter of development, Durkan invoked a statement made by Elliott Laffer, chair of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay board of directors, who said that project should be judged only on its own merits, instead of on the merits of its proposed mitigation.

Regarding public safety, Durkan said she would work with Boston Police to devise a "safety plan" and committed to forging a strong relationship with the department.

She also underscored the need to provide housing for those struggling with homelessness.

"If we don't provide housing for people, they will continue to be outside," said Durkan, who acknowledged that this would take collaboration at both the city and state levels.

Asked about proposed bike lanes on Charles Street, Durkan said while "public safety is of the utmost concern, especially on Charles Street," she couldn't really assess the plan without seeing a formal proposal first.

"I think opposing something not written on paper yet is not the type of leadership I want to lend to this district," she said.

Durkan added that she would support "some bike infrastructure" but asserted that building bike lanes on "a very special

street" like Charles Street would require "a very special process, which I'd be happy to convene."

Unlike Haywood, Durkan was less enthusiastic about the notion of providing accommodations for those in recovery on retrofitted cruise ships.

"If I can't line up any friends in government who support this, then I don't think it's a good idea," said Durkan, adding that she has secured a number of endorsements from elected officials, including Mayor Wu, Sens. Ed Markey and Lydia Edwards, and Reps. Jay Livingstone and Aaron Michlewitz, as well as from Bok.

While Durkan lives on Anderson Street on Beacon Hill, she said she hopes to become an "honorary WECA member." (Durkan said decided to run for office out of frustration after it took three seasons to get a rusty, abandoned bike removed from Anderson Street by the city under previous administrations.)

"I see myself as part of the West End," said Durkan, adding that the neighborhood finally would be united in time for the city's November general election as a result of redistricting.

"People don't give the West End credit for being such a tight-knit community," she said. "I want the West End to show up for this election. I want for the West End to have a real political voice."

Regardless of the outcome of the Special Election on July 25, Haywood and Durkan will again vie for the District 8 City Council seat in the Nov. 7 municipal general election.



## FORUM (from pg. 1)

Louijeune, Julia Mejia, and Erin Murphy. Thursday's event also featured new candidates throwing their hats in the ring — Clifton Braithwaite of Mattapan, Henry Santana of Dorchester, and Bridget Nee-Walsh of South Boston.

Following opening statements from all of the candidates, Fayyad led off the event with one of the most important questions by asking all candidates to give one or two priorities they would like to get done if elected.

The priorities Mejia mentioned if she were re-elected were building infrastructure for community engagement and being more responsive to the needs of vulnerable populations.

"What I'm really looking forward to doing in my third term on the council is really building some infrastructure for real community engagement. I think we're working toward that, but I still hear out in these streets that things are being done to them without them," said Mejia.

"So really working alongside a number of different departments to really look at building infrastructure when it comes to development when it comes to education, I think that we can do a better job in that space," she added.

Regarding being responsive to the vulnerable, Mejia said, "I'm really interested in looking at ways that we can also strengthen our ability to be more responsive to the needs of vulnerable populations — I like to say resilient populations."

"I think that we have a lot of people who are coming here, and I'm not seeing the type of infrastructure in place to ensure that we're able to get people to apply for schools, to get into good jobs. I think that there's a lot of barriers that are still facing a lot of recent arrivals."

As for Santana, his priorities focused on housing and public safety. "As someone who grew up here in the City of Boston and grew up a product of public housing. That really gave my family and me the opportunity to really not only stay here in the City of Boston but thrive here in the City of Boston," said Santana.

"I want to make sure that more families, more youth, and everyone across the city is able to live here in the City of Boston if they wish to," he added. Santana also made a point of saying he would like to create more homeownership opportunities.

Concerning public safety Santana said, "Again, as a product of public housing and as a black man here in the City of Boston and growing up here, I truly understand the dynamics that comes

with public safety and really want to make sure that we're investing in our youth providing affordable summer programs and after-school programs and other programs to really keep our youth engaged."

Next up to answer the question was Murphy, who mentioned quite a few priorities, such as equitable before and after-school programming, constituent services, the connection between public health and safety, and more.

"I want to continue the work I've been focusing on, on children making sure we have opportunities — equitable before and after-school programming at all schools across the city, which also will support our working families," said Murphy.

Regarding constituent services, Murphy said, "Making sure that, you know, everyone feels that they have a voice at City Hall. One of the number one things our office does well and definitely makes sure we answer the call to a constituent service call."

"It can be a tree in front of their house, or it could be, you know, a senior being displaced. So making sure that we are connecting the residents to the City of Boston, I feel like that is our number one job to make the quality of life for all of the residents of the City of Boston equitable," she added.

As for Braithwaite, he said his top priority was family stabilization. "The reason why I say that — you have mothers, fathers, veterans, and children. I believe from seeing in my experience, the nucleus of the family should be taken care of first," said Braithwaite.

His second priority involved strengthening programs like STEM. "There was a time that our ORC at Madison was one of the greatest technical schools. I would like to see that come back," said Braithwaite.

Braithwaite also mentioned violence as a focus saying, "We should be able to feel safe to go to the corner store to take a walk in the park or just generally hang on the corner in front of your home. You should feel safe; we shouldn't have to worry about violence, so we would have to dig deep in and dive into that."

One of Louijeune's priorities was housing, specifically anti-displacement, and she spoke about the Acquisition Opportunity program.

"The city has a great program called the Acquisition Opportunity program that works alongside Community Land Trust and non-profit developers to prevent displacement. Properties that are lived in by tenants that otherwise would be sold on the open market

to someone with a profit incentive," said Louijeune.

"Instead of doing that — selling it to a non-profit developer or Community Land Trust that's subsidized by city dollars to ensure that tenants are able to stay on the property and not have to move out of the city or not face rising rents with a new corporate entity so making sure we are earmarking money for Community Land Trust," she added.

She also spoke about needing more loving adults in schools and hiring more positions, such as guidance counselors.

"Our students are walking into our school buildings every day with trauma with rising mental health issues with phones that are telling them X and Y Z things to do," said Louijeune.

A huge priority for Nee-Walsh is public safety, and she spoke specifically about bringing police back into the neighborhoods.

"Starting like, well, with teaching the youth that they can trust the police and that the police are, you know, safe, that the police are safe and trustworthy, and that, you know, they're there to keep the harmony and keep the streets safe," said Nee-Walsh.

She also mentioned infrastructure and senior and constituent

services as priorities, along with bringing vocation back to the city.

"We still only have that one vocational school people have talked about it for, you know, 20 years plus now, and I think kids really need another outlet and to know that there are other

options than going to college where they can still make a sustainable living to afford to stay in the City of Boston," said Nee-Walsh.

As previously mentioned, the forum touched on countless subjects in which candidate after candidate provided longer-form answers. However, there were times in which Fayyad asked yes or no questions.

One question concerned whether candidates would approve spending more money on fare-free bus programs when they expire. All candidates, except Nee-Walsh and Murphy, were emphatic with their yes answers.

Nee-Walsh said no, while Murphy indicated she wanted to say yes but wants to discuss where the money would come from — citing fiscal responsibility — and did not want to make any campaign promises that could not be followed through on.

Another yes or no question was if candidates would support the

state either partially or fully taking over Boston Public Schools. Every candidate opposed a state takeover of BPS except Murphy, but she said to look at her website for more of an explanation of why she would support it.

Overall, the forum seemed to be a great way for constituents to learn more about the candidates in the City Councilor At-Large race.

"It was just a wonderful event, so thank you so much to the six of you," said Bob Binney, Chair of the Ward 5 Democratic Committee.

If you would like to see the forum in its entirety, you can visit <https://youtu.be/lbVJBGyWlg> or <https://www.facebook.com/Ward-4Dems/videos/283830237639189>.

Moreover, information on each candidate can be found at the links below.

Clifton Braithwaite: <https://www.facebook.com/C1CLIFTONBRAITHWAITE/>

Ruthzee Louijeune: <https://www.ruthzeeforboston.com/>

Julia Mejia: <https://www.juliaforboston.com/>

Erin Murphy: <https://erinforboston.com/>

Bridget Nee-Walsh: <https://bridgetneewalsh.com/>

Henry Santana: <https://www.henrysantana.com/>

## BHCA (from pg. 1)

- Every four Wednesdays, 5 - 6:30 p.m. on the steps of the Charles Street Meeting House\* (7/12, 8/9, 9/6)

- Every four Tuesdays, 7:45 - 9:15 a.m. at the intersection of Charles Street and Cambridge Street (7/25, 8/22, 9/19)

In the case of inclement weather, including a heat emergency, office hours will be cancelled. To learn more, visit [boston.gov/connect-downtown](https://boston.gov/connect-downtown).

Upcoming BHCA Meetings and Events

Young Friends Social – Wednesday, July 26th, 6-8pm, at the Esplanade

Zoning & Licensing Committee – Wednesday, August 2nd, 7pm, via Zoom

Young Friends Summer Shindig - Friday, August 18th, 7-10pm; UMass Club

BHCA Fall HillFest - Sunday, September 24th, 12-4pm; Mt. Vernon Street

Founders Reception - Thursday, October 5th, 6-8pm; Harvard Musical Association

Let the Children Sing: A Tribute to Susan Paul (in collaboration with the Museum of African American History) - Sunday,



A scene from last year's Summer Shindig.

October 15th, 3-5pm; MAAH

Garlands & Greens - Wednesday, November 15th, 6pm, Hampshire House

Contact the BHCA at [info@bhcvic.org](mailto:info@bhcvic.org) for details on any of these activities.



**SAVVY & SAFE** (from pg. 1)

punch,” said Noah, but since there isn’t enough time allotted to address every aspect of traditional martial arts in Savvy & Safe, the program instead focuses on “preventing and avoiding emergencies before they happen.”

With seniors especially, the emphasis of Savvy & Safe should be on raising their awareness of their surroundings and avoiding perilous situations before they happen, he said, rather than attempting to rely on their physical abilities, which may be deteriorated or deteriorating, and can subsequently sometimes make them easy targets.

“Awareness and psychological aspects are what separates Savvy & Safe from traditional martial-arts classes,” said Noah, making the classes perfectly suited for seniors.

While participants will learn some basic tools and martial arts techniques, the workshops focus mostly on the psychological aspects of personal safety and self-defense, said Noah, since Boston Budo’s philosophy is that “90 percent of self-defense is psychological.”

Savvy & Safe “includes reviewing environment specific scenarios and discussing solutions,” said Noah, while “addressing key variables like time, light, and noise in our daily lives that determine risk.”

“Through prevention and problem solving most dangerous situations can be avoided,” he said. “Physical confrontation is crisis management - a last resort for personal safety and typically represents a breakdown in prevention and/or problem solving.”

Noah, together with Patricia Lane, manager for the Amy Lowell Apartments, finalized plans to bring Savvy & Safe to the building in response to the murder of a 75-year-old man there earlier this year, he said, and after earlier efforts to offer the program to the building were delayed due to the pandemic.

On Feb. 15, Dion Pelzer, a fugitive from Brooklyn, N.Y., entered the unlocked residence of a resident of at the Amy Lowell Apartments. After allegedly murdering the victim, who was later identified as David MacDonald, Pelzer ate the victim’s food and slept on his couch before leaving the next morning. MacDonald’s body was discovered during a well-being check later that day, according to Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden’s office.

Pelzer was charged on March 14 in the Central Division of Boston Municipal Court with murder

and a fugitive from justice charge out of New York. Judge Tracy-Lee Lyons ordered him held without bail at time. Pelzer was scheduled to return to court April 12 for a pre-trial hearing.

Savvy & Safe, meanwhile, hadn’t previously been offered in the West End before coming to the Amy Lowell Apartments this month, but the program itself dates back to 1980s when it was first conceived by Duane Lucia, Noah’s father, who established Boston Budo in 1979.

In January of 2022, Boston Budo launched a new karate program, which included teaching the fundamentals of Savvy & Safe, at the Brookline Senior Center.

Boston Budo also offer personal-safety seminars and workshops to corporate organizations, schools, nonprofits, and parent groups, among others. In addition to Brookline Senior Center, the karate school has also offered free workshops for Big Sister Boston and the Eliot School this year.

“Over the years, based on research and our understanding of crime and safety, we realized that while many were offering self-defense programs that dealt mostly with physical self-defense, the emphasis should be placed more on the psychological aspect,” said Noah. “Most people do not train regularly to develop their physical skills, and therefore, it is best to focus on avoiding danger in the first place. That is what sets our program apart.”

Domingo Cintron, a 70-year-old resident of the Amy Lowell Apartments, was on hand for both the July 10 and 17 workshops and plans to attend the last two work-



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Noah Lucia (third from left) is seen with residents of the Amy Lowell Apartments (including Domingo Cintron on the far left) during the July 10 “Savvy & Safe” workshop at the building.

shops as well.

“It’s been very inspiring,” he said. “It gave me an overview of what I need to remember going forward as I get older – things that I used to know when I was younger automatically. As you get older, you worry more about living because you have health issues, rather than being aware.”

One of the most useful lessons covered extensively in the July 17 workshop, he said, was making

noise if someone is approaching you in a threatening manner. Another participant in the class illustrated this point by blowing a whistle, which, Cintron admits, “scared the devil out of [him].”

The workshops have also underscored the importance of staying aware of your surroundings when in a subway station, or in an enclosed space like an elevator, added Cintron.

Each workshop also begins

with Noah leading participants in stretching exercises.

“I think it’s good to take the class, if nothing else, just to move,” said Cintron. “We stretch everything from head to toe.”

To learn more about Savvy & Safe, visit <https://www.bostonbudo.com/savvy-safe>; and for more information on Boston Budo, visit [bostonbudo.com](https://www.bostonbudo.com).

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Lauren Schultes, with Sally and Bennett Rogers.

## BPDA (from pg. 3)

sultant, RKG Associates, spent months working with developers, talking to housing advocates, and looking at the variables that go into housing costs.

“What is before you tonight is

what we feel we can ask developers to do without harming development,” said Dillon.

BPDA board member Brian Miller said he did have some concerns about the IDP policy.

“My concern is that if we cause development to have additional costs, we will push up the market-rate units and push more people out,” said Miller.

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## FRESH AND LOCAL

# Salads for supper

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We enjoy salads for supper all year round but much more often when the summer heat makes hot meals less desirable. That doesn't mean we skimp on protein or survive on bowls of greens. Many of our favorite salads have added protein, and some contain a few herbs instead of greens.

### Remember Chef's Salads?

Once, many restaurant menus had an item called a "Chef's Salad." The standard had lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, avocados, hard-boiled eggs, cheese, and meat. These ingredients will make a good salad. However, we use these as categories and call it a "Supper Salad." Often we make

one to use up the bits and pieces in our refrigerator.

We also use the best of each vegetable available from the summer farmers' markets instead of the tasteless tomatoes, thick-skinned cucumbers, and high-fat meat and cheese that were once used. That change alone improves our meals' appearance, flavor, and nutritional value.

Choose a more flavorful cheese like feta, parmesan, or blue cheese, and use less per portion. Replace the meat with a combination of a legume or bean and grain, and you have your protein with less fat.

### Prep Your Pantry for Supper Salads

We keep a few favorite items



Once upon a time, this would have been called a "Chef's Salad." We call it a "Supper Salad" and make one often to use up the bits and pieces in our refrigerator.

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on hand to enhance salads. Think about what you love in salads and keep those items ready. Today we can pick up many of these items in a supermarket. We stock cans and packets of chickpeas, beans, lentils, mixed grains, flavored tuna, and olives.

We add a big flavor hit to our salads with capers, pickled onions, pickled ginger, and charcuterie, like cured chorizo. For texture and crunch, we might top a salad with fried shallots, croutons, nuts, or seeds.

For dressings, we keep a selection of oils and vinegar on hand. Our choice of vinegar may be decided by the cultural background of a particular salad or ingredient. We'll use sherry vinegar for a salad inspired by gazpacho and rice vinegar for a Vietnamese Bun Thit Nuong.

### Favorite Salads

That Vietnamese Bun Thit Nuong is one of our favorite salads. It combines cold rice vermicelli, grated carrots, napa cabbage, and bean sprouts, topped with grilled meat, fresh Thai basil, and mint. It's dressed with an oil-free nuoc cham sauce.

From Thailand, we enjoy a larb salad. This is a spicy hand-chopped meat salad seasoned with fish sauce, chili flakes, and lime juice. Traditionally it is made with pork and served with sticky rice, but we love a chicken version served with lettuce cups.

Ed loves a Salad Niçoise especially when it's made with fresh seared tuna. Penny prefers to have hers with a good tuna in olive oil. One of the great things about salads is that they are easy to adapt to food preferences.

Our version of Middle East-

ern tabouli has chickpeas added. With the bulgar wheat included in the basic recipe, this makes for a complete protein. You can use a classic recipe like French grated carrot salad as a base and begin to add ingredients that will make it a meal.

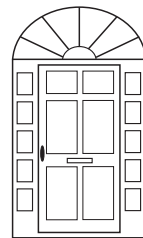
### Prepare Portions

One final thought on salads is to think about what can be made ahead and portioned out ready to eat. So many times, one or more members of a household needs a meal at a different time. A salad that is prepped but not dressed can be a perfect answer to this scheduling dilemma.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

## FREE LESSONS IN AMERICAN MAHJONG OFFERED AT WEST END BRANCH LIBRARY

The Friends of the West End Library will be offering lessons in American Mahjong to new and experienced players at no cost.

The group meets on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Community Room of the West End Branch Library, 151 Cambridge St.

To sign up or for more information, email Audrey Tedeman (artedeman@gmail.com) or Julia Forbes (jmaforbes@gmail.com).

## FREE SUMMER PROGRAMMING CONTINUES AT MYRTLE STREET PLAYGROUND

Friends of Myrtle Street Playground will continue its summer programming season on Thursdays starting at 4 p.m., including

a concert with Evan from Music at the Blissful on July 20; NEMPAC Disney Dance on July 27; Jenny the Juggler sponsored by the Park Street School on Aug. 3; magician BJ Hickman on Aug. 10; Bubbles McGee on Aug. 17; and Color Me Funky face painting on Aug. 24.

Visit [myrtlestreetplayground.org](https://myrtlestreetplayground.org) for more information on the Friends of the Myrtle Street Playground.

## ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION'S SUMMER DOCK PARTY RETURNS JULY 20

The Esplanade Association will hold its 12th annual Summer Dock Party on Thursday, July 20, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Community Boating, Inc., and at Eliot Memorial Garden on the Esplanade.

Approximately 400 guests will enjoy a sunset dinner and drinks, as well as dancing to a live deejay at Community Boating, Inc. Funds raised at this event will support the Esplanade Association's work

to revitalize, enhance, program, and maintain the park while providing the community with free summer programming.

Tickets cost \$129 each until July 10 (after that, they go up in price); this price includes dinner, open bar, and a door prize ticket. Visit <https://one.bidpal.net/dockparty/ticketing/details/ticketing-summary> to purchase tickets.

## SECOND MEETING TO REVIEW PROPOSALS FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF WEST END BRANCH LIBRARY ON JULY 25

The Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) will sponsor its second virtual meeting to discuss four of the eight responses so far to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the proposed redevelopment on Tuesday, July 25, at 6 p.m.

Visit <https://bit.ly/westendpresentations> to register for the meetings.

## BEACON HILL NETWORKING GROUP'S MIXER JULY 27

Beacon Hill Networking Group will host its Summer Mixer on Thursday, July 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Owl's Nest Beer Garden on the Esplanade. (Enter at the footbridge at the footbridge at Arlington and Beacon streets.)

Meet the members of the Beacon Hill Networking Group at this summer, mix-and-mingle networking event. Bring a friend and your business card.

Visit [beaconhillnetwork.org](https://beaconhillnetwork.org) for more information.

## 'LINCOLN AND BOOTH: LIVE MUSIC PLAYED TO FILM' AUG. 25

The West End Museum presents an unforgettable theatrical experience when members of the New England Film Orchestra combine the magic of film with the power of music as they perform live music in-sync to two films

highlighting the lives of Abraham Lincoln and John Wilkes Booth on Friday, Aug. 25, from 7:30-9 p.m. at The Hub on Causeway community room at 52 Causeway St. ((located along the alleyway next to Hub50House, across from the Tip O'Neill Building).

The first film is an early silent short by Thomas Edison from 1915 entitled, "The Life of Abraham Lincoln," which spans the famous president's life from his marriage to his assassination by Booth. The second, "The Man in the Barn," is a speculative docudrama from 1937 that asks if John Wilkes Booth didn't die by gunshot while trapped in a burning barn just days after Lincoln's assassination, but rather escaped to live another 38 years.

Odie Henderson, Boston Globe Film Critic and author of 'Black Caesars and Foxy Cleopatras: A History of Blaxploitation Cinema' (out in January 2024), will join us to provide his insights on the films.

Seating is limited. Tickets are available for \$15 each at [crescendoproductions.com](https://crescendoproductions.com).

# Boston state legislators endorse Henry Santana

Special to Times

Henry Santana, first-time candidate for Boston City Council At-Large, announced Tuesday, July 18, that he has earned the endorsement of two Boston state legislators, State Sen. Will Brownsberger and State Rep. Jay Livingstone.

"I am proud to endorse Henry Santana for Boston City Council At-Large. Henry's personal experience growing up in Boston, his dedication to empowering young leaders, and his passion for creating an accessible and equitable government resonate deeply with me," said Sen. Brownsberger. "Henry has a strong track record of removing barriers, addressing residents' needs, and expanding civic engagement. I know he will bring a calm and respectful approach to debate on the City Council."

Sen. Brownsberger represents the Suffolk and Middlesex District, which includes Allston, Brighton, Fenway-Kenmore, and Back Bay; he joins a growing list of current and former elected officials to endorse Santana's campaign.

"Henry Santana is a driven and passionate advocate for our communities and I am proud to endorse his candidacy for Boston

City Council," said Rep. Livingstone. "Henry brings to this work a fresh perspective and a deep understanding of the challenges faced by Boston residents. I have no doubt that Henry Santana will continue to be a tireless advocate, fighting for equity, justice, and opportunity for all."

Rep. Livingstone represents the Boston neighborhoods of Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway-Symphony, and the West End.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to earn the endorsements of two trusted Boston leaders at the State House. Senator Brownsberger is a leader in the State Senate and his commitment to public service is an inspiration. I am proud to earn his endorsement and his trust in my ability to work together with others to serve the people of Boston," said Henry Santana. "Jay Livingstone is a tireless advocate

for his constituents and a trusted activist. I am so grateful to earn his support in this race. Together, we can lead Boston forward and create lasting positive change for our city."

Henry Santana is running a grassroots, community-centered campaign, firmly rooted in a commitment to listen to residents and prioritize quality city services. Santana's campaign has recently announced a slate of endorsements from current and former elected officials across Boston including State Sen. Lydia Edwards, State Rep. Chris Worrell, City Councilors Gabriela Coletta, Ruthzee Louijeune, and Brian Worrell, and former City Councilors Matt O'Malley and Kenzie Bok.

To learn more, please visit [henrysantana.com](https://henrysantana.com) and follow the campaign on social media at @Santana4Boston.

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Taylor, Harry D	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #27A	\$4,411,088
Pan, Ziheng	Ts Residences Hld LLC	430 Stuart St #29F	\$3,541,503
Kennedy, David	Farnow, Cassandra	243 W Canton St #4	\$1,151,000
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## Attention to Detail

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### THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The attractive door knocker in the last clue is on 12 Pinckney Street. In the book "Beacon Hill a Walking Tour," author A. McVoy McIntyre wrote that in 1830 this land was sold to housewrights Joseph Lincoln and Hezekiah Stoddard, who built the house. Lincoln moved into number 12, and it remained his family's home for generations.

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# ABCD promotes South End native to VP position

Special to the Times

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) is pleased to announce the promotion of Josh Young, II to vice president of field operations and legislative affairs. He is a 24 year veteran of the anti-poverty agency with experience in program development, implementation, administration and legislative affairs.

“Josh has dedicated his life to community and public service. His 20 plus year career at ABCD has prepared him to lead at the highest level throughout our neighborhood services and legislative affairs,” said ABCD President and CEO Sharon Scott-Chandler. “He serves our communities in a responsive, collaborative and innovative manner, and his commitment and capabilities will help drive ABCD’S evolution to the next phase of lifting people up in Greater Boston.”

Most recently, Young demonstrated his responsiveness and capabilities by quickly establishing a multifaceted response to the COVID pandemic by helping thousands of neighbors in crisis – distributing 14,773 emergency items, including food, diapers, wipes, hygiene kits and school supplies. In addition, he established a network of partners to expand

ABCD’s reach throughout Boston and the Mystic Valley.

Of his new appointment Young said, “I’m looking forward to continuing my commitment to directly improving the lives of people in the communities where I was raised and volunteered as a community organizer working on the issues of affordable housing, as well as voter education and voter registration. I am appreciative of Sharon’s confidence in my abilities and excited to take on this new role.”

As Director of ABCD Field Operations and Legislative Affairs since 2018, Young has led ABCD’s Community Coordination Department, overseeing 14 sites throughout Boston and the Mystic Valley that provide tens of thousands of low-income residents with access to food, fuel assistance, elder services, tax assistance, holiday assistance, housing, childcare, workforce development programs and more.

Under Young’s leadership, several new initiatives and programs were created. ABCD Connect is an information and referral program in which clients can receive professional guidance including immediate access to a case manager and referrals to specific programs and services. ABCD’s Food Delivery Program and Mobile Food Access

Van strengthen ABCD’s existing Food Security Program by creating access for residents with mobility or transportation barriers. In partnership with Stop n’ Shop, the Food Delivery Program focuses on homebound senior clients and those with disabilities who have difficulty getting to food access centers. Clients indicate food preferences and dietary restrictions when ordering. The Mobile Food Access Van plays an important role in reducing food insecurity by distributing food to those who may not live near an existing food access center, have mobility issues, or generally struggle with getting to food access centers during operating hours. Options include fresh fruits, vegetables, protein and other essential foods.

Young began his ABCD career as a volunteer advisory board member at ABCD’s South End Neighborhood Service Center and then joined the Community Coordination Department in 1998. He was quickly promoted to the position of Director of Legislative Affairs working with ABCD’s Executive Department to direct the agency’s policy and advocacy strategies. In addition, he is responsible for cultivating relationships with policymakers at the federal, state, and local lev-

els to ensure the voices of low-income residents are heard by raising awareness of ABCD programs and services.

Prior to ABCD, Young served as Chief of Staff for State Representative Byron Rushing and Legislative Director for City Councilor Thomas Keane. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Harvard College and an MBA from Suffolk University.

Born and raised in Boston’s South End neighborhood, Young now resides in Arlington with his wife and two children. In his free time, he enjoys gardening and cooking.



Josh Young.

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### ZAID AL-ATIYA RECEIVES DEGREE FROM GEORGIA TECH

Zaid Al-Atiya of Beacon Hill has earned a Master of Science in Analytics from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Al-Atiya was among more than 5,300 undergraduate and graduate students to be presented Georgia Tech degrees during the Institute’s 264th Commencement exercises May 5 - 6, 2023, at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is one of the top public research universities in the U.S., developing leaders who

advance technology and improve the human condition.

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As a leading technological university, Georgia Tech is an engine of economic development for Georgia, the Southeast, and the nation, conducting more than \$1 billion in research annually for government, industry, and society.

## City opens applications for Boston School Committee

Mayor Michelle Wu today opened the application to fill the vacancy on the Boston School Committee for the remainder of the term ending on January 1, 2024 that was created by the resignation of Lorena Lopera. To serve as a member for the next full four-year term, individuals will have to reapply later this year. The Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, composed of families, educators, school leaders and representatives of the business and higher education communities, will receive and evaluate the applications and share recommendations with the Mayor. The Boston School Committee is the governing body of the Boston Public Schools

(BPS).

Applications to fill the upcoming vacancy are now due Monday, July 31, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Interviews for selected candidates will be held on the week of August 7, 2023, between 4:30-6:00 pm.

The School Committee is responsible for:

- Defining the vision, mission, and goals of the Boston Public Schools;
- Establishing and monitoring the annual operating budget;
- Hiring, managing, and evaluating the Superintendent; and
- Setting and reviewing district policies and practices to support student achievement.

The School Committee meets

approximately twice per month during the school year to adopt, review and modify policies and practices that support teaching, learning and improved student achievement. With the exception of executive sessions, Committee meetings are open to the public, feature public comment periods and are broadcast on Boston City TV.

Please direct all questions and submit completed applications to [scnominatingpanel@boston.gov](mailto:scnominatingpanel@boston.gov) or mail/deliver to Room 612 of Boston City Hall. You can learn more about the Boston School Committee online.

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# Jake (2011-2023)

By Mark Duffield

It is with great sadness we must report the passing of a beloved neighborhood dog, Jake.

Jake, a magnificent golden retriever and his constant companion, and loving caregiver, Rebecca Patchen, have been fixtures and cheerful ambassadors of friendliness and goodwill on Charles Street for many years.

Jake loved affection and food. He loved stopping by to all his favorite places, for a good snack, belly rubs and praise. These trips down Charles Street, throughout Beacon Hill and beyond became known as Jake's "treat trail." He would approach anyone interested in giving him love, a kind word or a pat on the head. He always reciprocated with a warm and vigorous wag of his tail. Jake was always a calming force for people and loved that so many people, especially children, found happiness in a moment with him. He was a sweet gentleman.

His favorite activity was swimming!! There is not a body of water that got by Jake without his



Jake, a beloved golden retriever, was a fixture of Beacon Hill.

notice. He would beam with great excitement at the sound of the gentle lapping of water caressing the shores of a lake or the approaching scent of salt air and the distant roar of ocean waves. Leaping and

jumping into these waters and cavorting and swimming for hours on end was his great joy.

So many of us who have owned dogs or who simply love dogs know the passing of these "fami-



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Jake is seen outside Upstairs Downstairs Home on Charles Street.

ly members" leave quite an empty hole in our lives. Beacon Hill and Charles Street is a unique place that has always treated dogs with the greatest love and respect. Another reason to believe that where we live in harmony with our beloved

pets is a special place indeed.

Today we grieve the passing of one of our own...our wonderful neighborhood dog, Jake, and offer our support to Rebecca who so kindly shared his and her compassionate gifts with all of us.

## STATE HOUSE EVACUATED AFTER TUESDAY'S FIRE



PHOTO COURTESY ROB WHITNEY

The State House was evacuated on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 18, following an electrical fire in the basement, according to published reports.

At about 2 p.m. on July 18, Boston firefighters responded to the scene and temporarily closed Bowdoin, Beacon, Hancock and Dern streets to the public.

The building remained closed for the remainder of July 18 due to elevated carbon monoxide levels and remained closed on July 19 "out of an abundance of caution."

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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