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Poll Power: Women's suffrage celebrates 100 years, with caveats

By Seth Daniel

It was a note from mom that changed the landscape for women to get the right to vote 100 years ago on Aug. 18, and 100 years later it has led to a lot of victories and a lot of sobering realities too.

The caveat, of course – and one that must be stated, is that African American women did not win the right to vote 100 years ago, but rather not until the 1960s Voting Rights Act.

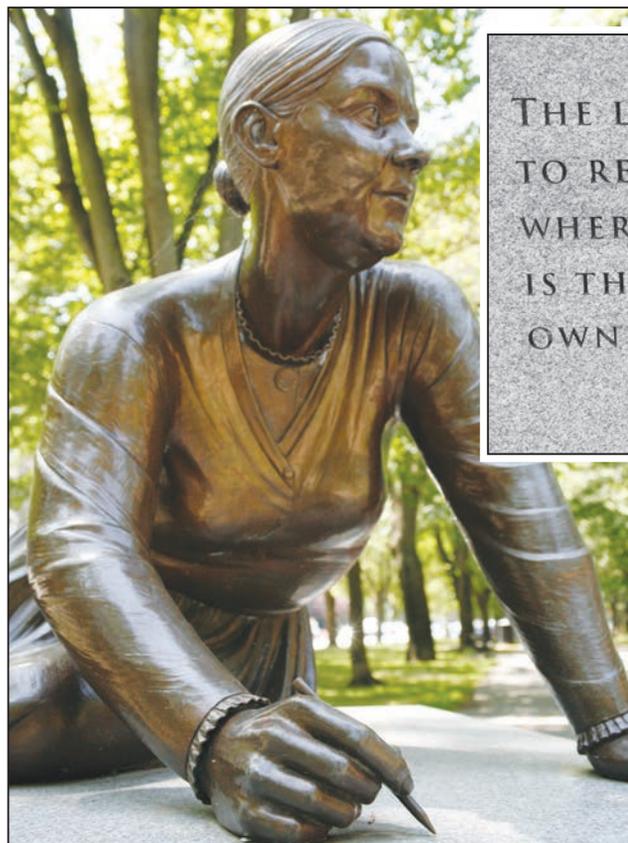
That said, the milestone was celebrated in a muted way this week due to COVID-19 restrictions, but Aug. 18, 1920 was the day that

cleared the way for the largest single increase in voting in American history – known as Ratification Day. And it did come down to one vote by Tennessee state legislator whose mother shamed him into doing the right thing.

Harry Burn was a very young state representative at the time in Tennessee from a very small town, and it was his mother's note that changed his mind.

"It didn't look like Tennessee was going to approve the amendment," said Karen Price of the League of Women Voters in Mas-

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THE LEGAL RIGHT FOR WOMAN
TO RECORD HER OPINION
WHEREVER OPINIONS COUNT,
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WOMAN'S JOURNAL, 1891

At the Boston Women's Memorial on the Comm Ave Mall, there is a constant reminder of those women who fought for equality in all things – including voting. Pictured here is Lucy Stone, a long-time advocate of suffrage for women. While a leading voice in Women's Rights issues in the late 1800s, she died nearly 30 years before some women won the right to vote. The 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment occurred this week on Aug. 18.

Early voting for Massachusetts Primary kicks off in Boston

By John Lynds

The City of Boston Election Department kicked off 'Early Voting' in Boston for the Massachusetts Primary over the weekend at several polling locations.

In Beacon Hill, voters will head to the polls on Sept. 1 during the state primary and cast ballots for Senator in Congress, Representative in Congress, Governor's Councillors, Senator in General

Court, Representative in General Court, and Register of Probate.

However, voters were able to cast early ballots at several sites across the city on Saturday and Sunday and hundreds of registered voters did so over the weekend.

Beacon Hill voters can continue to vote early through Friday, Aug. 28 at Boston City Hall between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. on

Thursday.

In Beacon Hill, voters will make their choice for Massachusetts U.S. Senate between incumbent U.S. Senator Ed Markey or Congressman Joseph Kennedy III. Republican Shiva Ayyadurai is running against Kevin O'Connor on the Republican side and the primary winner will face either Markey or Kennedy in the General Election.

Incumbent U.S. Congressman
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PUBLIC GARDEN LAGOON DRAINED

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department began draining the Public Garden Lagoon last week after its bacterial-laden water had become unsafe for wildlife and at least 20 ducks reportedly died there.

In addition to the unusually hot, dry weather this summer, which has stimulated bacteria and algae growth, the Swan Boats are

on hold this year, along with their paddle wheels, which introduce oxygen into the Lagoon and create turbulence that discourages unwanted growth there, according to the city.

Throughout the month of July, the city engaged a lake and pond management company to test and

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The drained Public Garden Lagoon.

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ELECTION DAY IS APPROACHING!

Become a Poll Worker

Please consider signing up to be a poll worker in Boston for our upcoming September 1, 2020, primary election and for the November 3, 2020, general election as well. There is a great

need for poll workers across the nation, including right here in Boston!

Election Day poll workers in Boston receive two hours of paid training to prepare them for their assignment on Election Day, and a stipend for their day of public service. Election Day poll worker responsibilities in-

clude:

- * Help in the setup of the voting location on Election Day;
- * Prevent interference with the voting process and assists voters in accordance with the law;
- * Check voters in, hand out

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EDITORIAL

BE SURE TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY

This Tuesday, September 1, is primary election day in Massachusetts for both national and state legislative offices.

Primary elections in Massachusetts typically are of little or no consequence because of the overwhelming Democratic voting enrollment and because most Democrats run unopposed.

However, this year's primary election is different because of the hotly-contested U.S. Senate race between incumbent Ed Markey and Congressman Joseph Kennedy that will draw a larger-than-usual turnout for a primary.

In addition, there are two truly unique and important aspects to Tuesday's election.

This will be the first election in which we will be voting either early, by mail, or in person amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. Tuesday's primary will be a good test of the ability of Massachusetts' election officials to conduct an election under these difficult circumstances and thus will serve as excellent preparation, both for voters and officials alike, for the upcoming November Presidential election.

It is important that all of us participate in the democratic process on or before Tuesday so that both we and our election officials can be as knowledgeable as possible about the procedures that we will need to follow in November to ensure a successful final election.

In addition, thanks to the chaos that reigns throughout the country (for many reasons), it is not an understatement to say that the elections to be held this year -- both the primaries and the final -- have taken on more significance than any in our nation's history.

The Presidential elections of 1860 (prior to the start of the Civil War) and 1932 (when we were in the midst of the Great Depression) arguably were the most consequential elections since our founding, but the 2020 election cycle will be even more significant than both of those.

The pundits talk about the existential threat being posed to our democracy and institutions because of the situation in the White House. However, regardless of what one thinks of the current policies emanating from Washington, what undeniably is true is that our democracy certainly will come to an end if we fail to exercise the most important right we have as Americans -- the right to vote.

There is no greater threat to America's survival than our own apathy. A strong voter turnout in every election, including the primaries, will send the clearest possible message to our political leaders that we care about the future direction of our country.

We urge all of our readers to be sure to vote in the primary election -- it is more important than ever.

POLITICIZING THE PANDEMIC

This past Sunday evening, President Donald Trump held a news conference to announce that the use of blood plasma in treating patients who have contracted Covid-19 has been shown to reduce the death rate from Covid-19 by 35% -- a rather dramatic reduction -- and therefore the FDA was allowing for the emergency use of plasma throughout the country.

The FDA Commissioner, Dr. Stephen Hahn, also spoke at the news conference and appeared to support Trump's statement.

The problem however, is that what both Trump and Dr. Hahn said was not accurate.

The following day, the New York Times published a story in which experts pointed out that the potential benefits of blood plasma treatment had not been proven by randomized clinical trials and certainly not to the extent claimed by Trump and Dr. Hahn.

When Dr. Hahn was contacted by the Times, he issued this statement via Twitter:

"I have been criticized for remarks I made Sunday night about the benefits of convalescent plasma. The criticism is entirely justified. What I should have said better is that the data show a relative risk reduction not an absolute risk reduction."

In short, Dr. Hahn admitted that the claims made by Trump and himself on Sunday evening were wildly exaggerated.

We would remind our readers that the FDA previously had given emergency use authorization for hydroxychloroquine as a Covid-19 treatment after it had been touted by Trump -- only to withdraw that authorization when it was shown that hydroxychloroquine was both ineffective and dangerous.

It is clear that once again the work of the professional scientists and experts is being interfered with by the White House for political purposes.

With the pandemic still causing carnage across our nation (we continue to lead the world in Covid-19 cases and deaths), it is more essential than ever that we need facts based on science -- not on considerations of political grandstanding.



VOTING (from pg. 1)

Stephen Lynch will take on Robbie Goldstein in Massachusetts 8th Congressional District.

Running unopposed is State Rep. Jay Livingstone in the Massachusetts House of Representatives 8th Suffolk District as is State Sen. Joseph Boncore.

Incumbent Suffolk County Register of Probate Felix Arroyo will square off against Kerby Roberson in the state primary and incumbent representing the Massachusetts 6th District on the Governor's Council Terrence Kennedy will take on Helina Fontes.

Due to COVID-19, health and safety protocols during the early voting period and on Election Day will be implemented at polling locations. All poll

workers will receive face shields, face masks, gloves, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer. Cleaning will take place at each site every two to three hours. Voters waiting in line will be instructed to stand 6 feet away from others and wear a face covering.

Ballots will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese. Language assistance will be available on Election Day by translators at polling locations or by contacting the Election Department's translation phone bank.

For more information on how to participate in this year's elections, please visit boston.gov/election.



A voter casts her early ballot in Boston on Saturday. Beacon Hill voters can vote early at City Hall through Friday.

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S P Kelleher 2018 T	Spirn, Samuel W	61 Chandler St #2	\$2,750,000
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Ding, Leah C	Norgeot, Kevin M	483 Beacon St #76	\$600,000
Zhang, Saying	Marks, Christopher	909 Beacon St #5	\$850,000
Elcock, Tucker J	7 Hanson Street RT	7 Hanson St #1	\$1,515,000
Helen Y Chang FT	Gusakov, Oleg	485-495 Harrison Ave #502	\$1,199,000
Bareis-Pennington, E M	Eovine, Steve	61 Park Dr #E	\$50,000
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Lake, Daniel E	Shulman, Benjamin S	71 Rutland St #1	\$1,290,000
Summers, Jeffrey A	Dhokarh, Rajanigandha	11 Saint George St #13C	\$1,185,000
Shaunalia Kahn T	Gorgone-Larkin, Michelle	48 Saint Stephen St #4	\$755,000
Keltner, Linda K	Perez, Vidal	121 Tremont St #124	\$282,000
P25 Phase 2 LLC	Mission Hill Parcel 25	1403-1419 Tremont St	\$1,540,000
Highline 10 Union LLC	Corey Norma E Est	10 Union Park	\$4,875,000
Mitchell, Julia R	Grey, Jennifer A	14 Upton St #5	\$801,000
303&601 RT	Bearden, Dale A	1313 Washington St #702	\$2,750,000
Negroski, Alex	JP Property 1 LLC	3531 Washington St #316	\$830,000
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Shaw, Meredith B	Wall Street T	406-418 Commercial St #8	\$570,000
33A Commercial Wharf LLC	Correia, Dennis	33 Commercial Wharf #33A	\$1,920,000
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Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The hat in the last clue is on sculptor Raymond Averill Porter's statue of Henry Cabot Lodge located on the lawn of the Statehouse. Lodge's figure stands right about where his childhood home at 31 Beacon Street was located before it was torn down to expand the State House grounds.

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



BHAC tells Otis Place applicant to go back to the drawing board

By Dan Murphy

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission told the homeowners of 4 Otis Place, who were cited for making unapproved alterations to a penthouse, among other violations, to go back to the drawing board during its Aug. 20 virtual meeting.

The applicants were seeking to ratify violations including for the height of the penthouse, which was built to different dimensions than was approved; for the creation of four, new two-over-two windows openings in the penthouse, as opposed to the two existing ones that were approved; and for the installation of copper cladding around the penthouse, instead of

the approved slate material. The front stairs of the residence were also reconstructed using unapproved materials and details.

The commission determined that the applicant would need to redesign the existing, unapproved penthouse, and that the front stairs must be restored to a more historically appropriate configuration.

Alternate Commissioner Alice Richmond said she believes the myriad violations seem even more egregious, since the applicant has already listed the house for sale on the market, while Commissioner Miguel Rosales pointed to other violations that the applicant hasn't been cited for yet, including the installation of an unapproved camera; use of aluminum win-

dows with plastic tracks, instead of wood windows; visible vents in the back façade; and exposed electronic equipment near the front stairs.

"There are definitely more violations than what is on the list," Rosales said, "and it's hard to be sympathetic when the list is so long."

The current owner will need to rectify all the violations before selling the house or the new owner would be responsible to address them in the future, per the commission.

In another matter, the commission approved as submitted an application to install Verizon cell-phone antenna at 37-41 Bowdoin St. The commission denied with-

out prejudice an earlier iteration of this application during its Nov. 15 because the equipment would've been visible from a public way.

"We moved the antennas to the south slightly," said Michael Giaimo, an attorney representing the applicant, "and flesh-mounted them to the penthouse to reduce the profile and eliminate the enclosure."

The commission denied without prejudice an application to install three visible HVAC condensers at the rear of 30 Hancock St. and instructed the applicant to come back with a new application, or work with staff to find a way to obscure their visibility from a public way.

Also, the commission denied

another application without prejudice to install piping on several windows at 166 Charles St. for an irrigation system for four window-boxes.

Nicholas Armata, a senior preservation planner for the city, said he would be willing to work with the applicant to find a way to conceal the irrigation pipes.

The commission approved as submitted an application to replace in kind two existing door/windows on the carriage house at 87 Mt. Vernon St.

Likewise, the commission approved as submitted an application for 107 Myrtle St. to replace the bead-board siding on a partially visible head-house with black, vertical-panel siding.

Discussion focuses on re-examining public monuments during 'time of racial reckoning'

By Dan Murphy

As part of the programming planned in conjunction with the ongoing restoration of the Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial on the Boston Common, a virtual discussion took place Monday, Aug. 25, on reconsidering and reevaluating the nation's public monuments during "a time of racial reckoning."

Renée Ater, Associate Professor Emerita at the University of Maryland and the author of "Remaking Race and History: The Sculpture of Meta Warrick Fuller," among other books, was joined for the talk by David Blight, a Sterling Professor of American History at Yale University who has written and edited numerous books, including his latest - a 2018 biography of black abolitionist Frederick Douglass that earned him a Pulitzer Prize for History. Karen Holmes Ward, director of public affairs and community services for WCVB-TV, as well as host and executive producer of its award-winning weekly series "CityLine" and the co-producer of "Return to Glory," a documentary

about the 54th, served as moderator, and like the approximately \$3 million restoration of the Shaw 54th memorial itself, the discussion was sponsored via a partnership comprising the Friends of the Public Garden, the City of Boston, the Museum of African American History and the National Park Service.

The Shaw 54th Memorial is unique in "a landscape of generic Civil War monuments," Blight said, because it distinctly captures a historic moment on May 28, 1863, when 1,007 black soldiers and 37 white soldiers from the 54th gathered on the Boston Common and marched down Beacon Street in front of the State House. After boarding a steamship to South Carolina later that evening, the regiment went on to fight in Charleston, S.C., in the Battle of Grimball's Landing on July 16, 1863, and in the fateful Second Battle of Fort Wagner on July 18, 1863. About half the ranks of the 54th would end up dead, missing or later die of injuries sustained in those battles, Blight said.

The memorial, which was the first civic monument in

the nation to pay tribute to the heroism of black soldiers, also effectively mixes realism as seen in the soldiers' faces, Blight said, with elements of idealism as represented by the angelic figure that hovers above them.

Ayer, who also participated in "The Power of Public Monuments and Why They Matter," the first panel discussion the Partnership to Restore the Shaw 54th Memorial sponsored last year at Suffolk University's Tremont Temple, said crafting the soldiers' heads was no easy task and required sculptor, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, to create 40 castings to capture their 23 individual faces. (No surviving members of the 54th were selected as face models, however, and Saint-Gaudens instead found his models in bus stations and at various other locations throughout Boston.)

The angelic figure above them, Ayer said, is an allegorical representation of a female holding an olive branch to symbolize peace, as well as poppy leaves to represent death.

The Shaw 54th Memorial also successfully merges and incorpo-

rates three distinct styles of sculpture - equestrian, bas-relief and allegorical representation. "No other monument can make these three forms come together," Ayer said.

Blight pointed out that the memorial represents "promise and betrayal" when considering that the freedoms that the soldiers of the 54th fought and died for went largely unfulfilled during their lifetimes. But he disagreed with the notion that the sculpture depicts the black soldiers as being subservient to Shaw, a white man, and instead, Blight countered that it accurately reflects the regiment's formation going into battle, and that the soldiers appear to in fact be pushing Shaw forward.

The monument is also significant in that it was "planted" on the Boston Common on May 31, 1897, Blight said, at a time when American race relations were as fraught as they'd ever been, and with lynchings taking place both the day before and after its unveiling.

As more public monuments across the country are coming under scrutiny, Ayer suggested putting a moratorium on creating new ones "as we fundamentally rewrite history."

Moreover, Ayer added, "Certain monuments are no longer effective...[because] they set in stone in public places what many of us think of as false narratives."

Ayer also believes there needs to be a "community conversation"

before any new public monument is erected.

"You don't plop monuments in people's neighborhoods and say, 'Deal with it.' You ask them to get involved," Ayer said. "You could build a monument on Boston Common right now, and in 20 years, someone would want to tear it down."

Except in unique instances, such as considering the future of 13 Civil War statues in the collection of National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C., Blight agreed the fate of public monuments should be largely left to the judgment of the communities where they're located.

"Communities have to decide, a city has to decide," said Blight, who added, however, that he opposes the removal of public monuments from cemeteries.

As he previously proposed in a July 17 New York Times opinion piece, Blight recommended the creation of a national arts commission to determine the best practices and engage new artists as the "Confederate landscape [continues to] come down."

Looking at how other countries and cultures have handled "conflicted and divisive" chapters in their histories, Blight said, should also be considered in deciding the future of public monuments in the U.S.

"You've got to be deliberative," he said of the process, "and you should try to learn some history."

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Other than the two hour training, and you being a registered Boston voter, there is nothing else required for you to sign up! By spending Election Day at the polls, you will be filling a great public need, as many of our local poll workers in past years have been seniors who may not feel comfortable working at the polls this year.

Here is a link to the poll worker sign up information from the City of Boston Election Department:

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/election/how-apply-become-poll-worker>

Please consider signing up to be a Boston poll worker this year! You will have a great experience and serve a great public interest. Thank you!

Register to Vote

Individuals can register to vote either in person at the Election Department in City Hall in Room 241, by mail, online or through the Registry of Motor Vehicles

by August 22, 2020 at 8 p.m. to vote in the State Primary election, which is taking place on September 1, 2020. (The voter registration deadline for the General Election in November, is October 24, 2020.) To be eligible to register and vote, an individual must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen on Election Day. Because of the upcoming deadline, the fastest way to register is online at:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>

Not sure if you're registered?

LAGOON (from pg. 1)

treat the Lagoon. But when that resulted in little improvement, the decision was made to fully drain the Lagoon before removing the sediment at its bottom and refilling it.

The Lagoon should be full again by the weekend of Aug. 28, the city said.

Find out your voter registration status by going to:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>

Early Voting

Registered voters can also decide to vote during the early voting period from

Saturday, August 22 through Friday, August 28, 2020. Registered voters can vote at any of the early voting sites. Hours and locations for early voting can be found online. To vote early, you must be a registered Boston voter. Any registered Boston voter can vote at any early voting location. You don't need an excuse or reason to vote early.

Unlike traditional polling, you don't have to vote at your assigned polling location. Vote at the location that is most convenient for you. All ballot styles will be available at every early voting location. All early voting locations are accessible to voters with disabilities. Every location will also have AutoMark machines for voters who need help marking their ballots.

During the early voting period, Boston City Hall is the main early voting polling location and the closest to Beacon Hill. City Hall will be open for voting Monday, August 24, 2020, through Friday, August 28, 2020, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., during the five-day period. On Tuesday and Thursday, City Hall will stay open until 8 p.m. for early voting. On Saturday, August 22, 2020, and Sunday, August 23, 2020, the closest early voting location to Beacon Hill is the Copley Square Public Library, McKim Building, in Back Bay, which will be open both days 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. All other early voting locations and schedules for the upcoming primary

can be found at: <https://www.boston.gov/news/early-voting-locations-boston-2020-priorities>.

Voting by Mail

All registered voters should have received a vote-by-mail application in their mail boxes during the week of July 20, 2020. The application is in a postcard format. To receive a ballot, voters must first complete, sign and return the prepaid postcard application to the Election Department by

August 26, 2020, for the State Primary. Voters may request a ballot using the vote-by-mail application for the September 1, 2020 State Primary, the November 3, 2020 State General Election or all 2020 elections. Voters may also request ballots in Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese.

Voting by mail-in ballot was approved by the Massachusetts legislature as a temporary measure to ensure all registered voters who have concerns about voting in person due to COVID-19 precautions have another option to exercise their right to vote. Remember to

include your signature (without one the application is invalid). Also, postage has already been paid - just drop it in the mail! Also, if you are in the area of City Hall, you may drop off your application in the Election Department dropbox located on the third floor of City Hall.

Voters can track their ballots by going here:

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/track/trackmyballot.aspx>.

If a voter has not received or lost this application, they can request a new ballot application by completing the mail in application at:

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Breaking and Entering – Motor Vehicle

08/08/20 - A victim reported that her Honda Pilot was broken into on Winchester Street at around 5 a.m. The victim said her wallet, with her bank/credit card inside, was stolen, and her bank notified her that two transactions had been made on the account. The victim subsequently cancelled her bank card.

Auto Theft

08/09/20 - A victim reported his 2020 Mercedes Benz GLE 350 was stolen from Mount Vernon Place at about 3:30 p.m. The victim further stated he left the keys in the vehicle, along with his wallet and personal belongings. When he returned to his vehicle, he discovered it had been stolen, however. The vehicle's GPS tracking system traced it a location on Massachusetts Avenue, and police searched the area for the vehicle to no avail.

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/2020-Vote-by-Mail-Application.pdf>

and sending it to the City of Boston's Election Department, via mail, email, or fax:

1 City Hall Square, Room 241
Boston, MA 02201

Email: absenteevoter@boston.gov

Fax: 617-635-4483

Voters may return their ballot by mail using the prepaid envelope, at an early voting location (during the early voting period), or using the Election Department dropbox located on the third floor of City Hall. City Hall is currently open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The dropbox will be accessible Monday through Friday.

Absentee voting in person is available until August 31, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Elections Department in City Hall. To qualify to vote absentee, registered voters must be absent from the City on Election Day, must have a religious belief which prevents them from going inside of a polling location, or have a physical disability which prevents them from going to a polling location. The application to request an absentee ballot can be completed by mail or in person at the Election Department in City Hall. NOTE: You can vote by mail in lieu of voting by absentee ballot.

Voting in Person

If you want to vote in person on Primary Election Day on September 1, 2020, there are several polling locations on or in the general vicinity of Beacon Hill. Make sure that you are going to the correct polling location for your residential address. You can find your assigned voting location by checking online here:

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/bal/myelectioninfo.aspx>

Upcoming BHCA meetings and activities:

Zoning & Licensing Committee Meeting - September 2 at 7pm. This meeting is virtual. Please contact the BHCA office for details.

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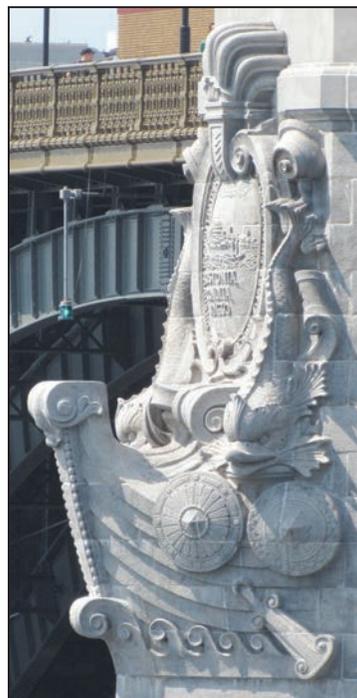
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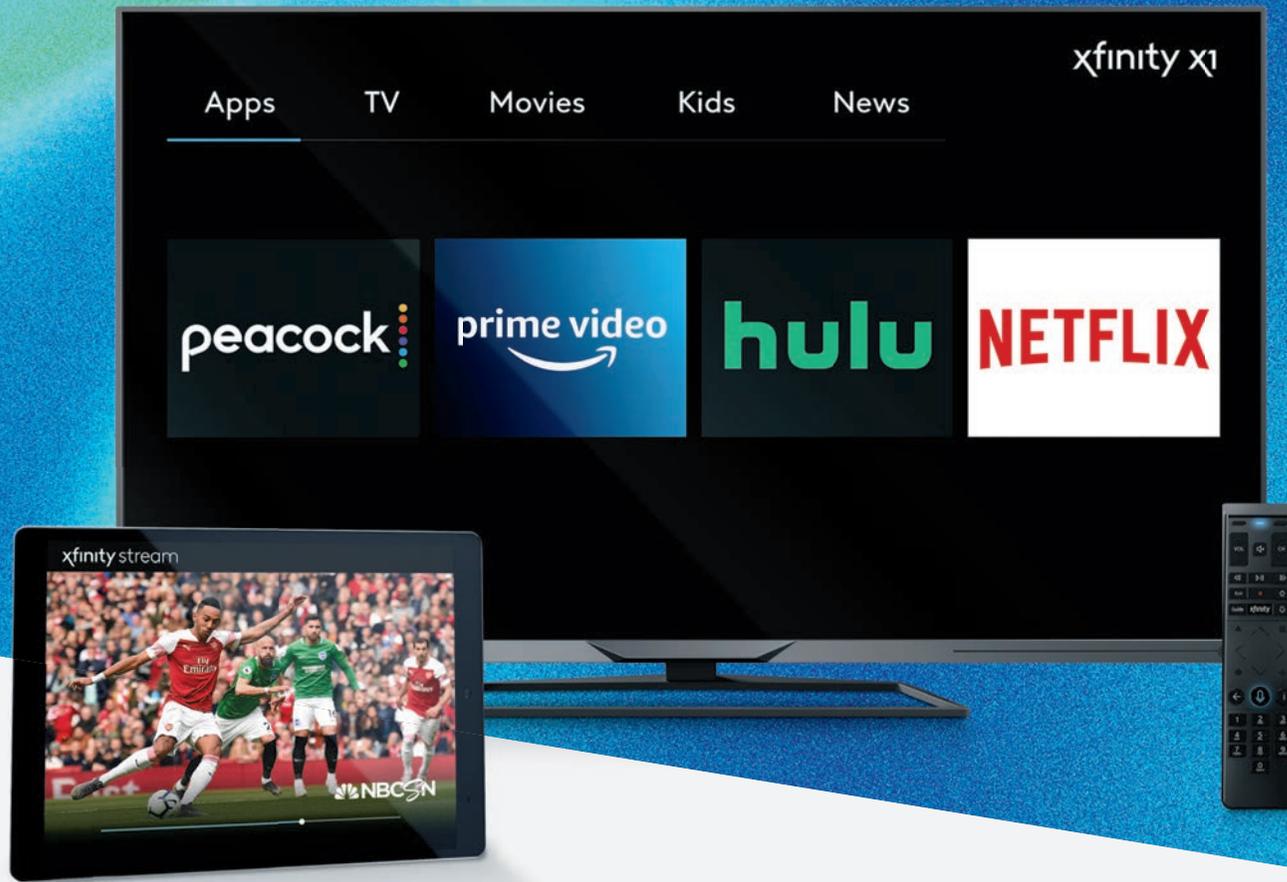


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Cheers location at Faneuil Hall to close after 20-year run

By Dan Murphy

You'll have to find somewhere else in Faneuil Hall to go where everybody knows your name after Sunday, Aug. 30, which brings the permanent closure of Cheers Replica Bar at Faneuil Hall Marketplace after two decades in business at that location.

"Cheers Replica Bar has had a wonderful 20 years in the iconic Faneuil Hall Marketplace, one of America's most cherished historic landmarks," Tom Kershaw, chair-

man of the Hampshire House Corporation, which besides Cheers Faneuil Hall, owns and operates Hampshire House and the original Cheers Beacon Hill at 84 Beacon St., as well as 75 Chestnut and 75 Liberty Wharf, said in a press release. "I have faced, and pulled through, many kinds of downturns and upticks in the economy within the last 20 years Cheers Replica Bar at Faneuil Hall Marketplace has been in business. Sadly, the COVID-19 pandemic, combined with no assistance from

our landlord (Ashkenazy Acquisition Group), has made this current challenge insurmountable."

Hampshire House Corporation also filed a compliant in U.S. District Court in Boston July 27 against its insurance providers - Allianz Global Risks United States Insurance Company, and two of their subsidiaries, Fireman's Fund Insurance and Associated Indemnity Corporation - for denying business interruption claims from the losses its restaurants have sustained since mid-March due to the

pandemic.

While Cheers' Faneuil Hall - an exact replica of the bar set from the long-running NBC TV series "Cheers," with seating capacity for 300 - will close, Hampshire House Corporation's other establishments, including the original Beacon Hill location, which Kershaw opened as the Bull & Finch Pub in 1969 and was the inspiration for the classic sitcom, will remain in business.



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Members of the original cast of the classic TV sitcom "Cheers."

COVID-19 Update for Beacon Hill

By John Lynds

Since the end of July the COVID-19 infection rate in Beacon Hill the infection rate here has risen 8.7.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on Friday Beacon Hill, as well as the North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown the infection rate rose 8.7 percent since the Beacon Hill Times last reported on Aug 5.

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

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown had an infection

rate of 101.2 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 93.1 cases per 10,000 residents two week ago.

The number of confirmed cases in the area increased from 519 cases on July 31 to 564 cases last Friday.

However, compared to other neighborhoods Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown have the second lowest infection rates among residents second to only Fenway.

Beacon Hill is also still well below the city's average infection rate of 221 cases per 10,000 residents.

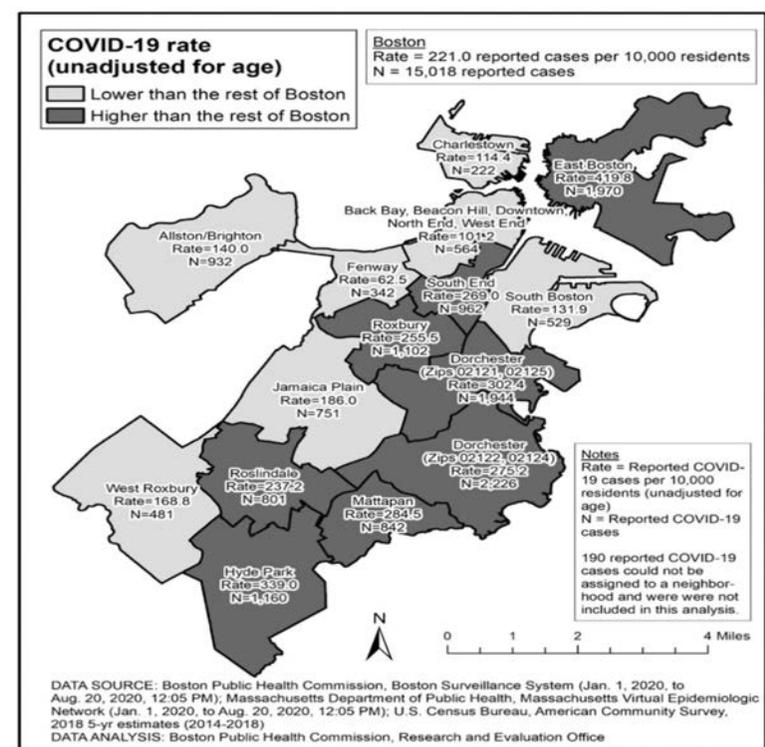
Last week the BPHC reported that 2,648 Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that only 1 percent of those tested

were COVID positive.

Overall since the pandemic began 4.6 percent of Beacon Hill, North End, West End, Back Bay and Downtown residents were found to be COVID positive. This was down from 5.9 percent reported on Aug. 5.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID-19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus rose 2.3 percent last week from 14,916 cases to 15,263 cases. So far 11,480 Boston residents have fully recovered from the virus and six additional residents died last week bringing the total of fatalities in the city to 752.



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Congressional candidate Robbie Goldstein outraises U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch

By John Lynds

Mass General physician Dr. Robbie Goldstein who is taking on nine-term incumbent U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch in the 8th Congressional District outraised

Lynch in the final weeks leading into the Sept. 1 Massachusetts Primary.

However, while Goldstien cleared over \$175,000 and Lynch only \$10,000 in the final fundraising push ahead of the prima-

ry, Lynch has outraised Goldstein \$667,101 to \$468,085 throughout the campaign. Lynch has also outspent Goldstein \$634,429 to Goldstein's \$243,449.

Lynch also has \$1.475 million cash on hand while Goldstein has \$224,636.

A recent poll shows only a 7-point margin between Lynch and Goldstein, with the majority of voters favoring progressive policies. Goldstien is mounting a progressive challenge against the 19-year incumbent, who is arguably the most conservative of the Massachusetts delegation.

"Over the past two years, we have seen many long-term Democratic incumbents lose in primary election to candidates who are much more closely aligned with the district they are running in." Reported Lincoln Park Strategies.



U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch.



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"From New York to California to Missouri the pattern is clear, and in Massachusetts last election cycle we saw Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley defeat Congressman Mike Capuano in the 7th district. Two

years later, the 8th district could follow the same pattern. Indeed, Dr. Robbie Goldstein is within striking distance of Congressman Stephen Lynch with three weeks to go before the primary election."

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Walsh, Cassellius lay out phased plan for school reopening

By John Lynds

At his daily press briefing last Thursday Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Public School Superintendent Brenda Cassellius laid out BPS's phased plan to reopen schools in the fall amid the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

At the briefing Mayor Walsh called the plan a "flexible model" and schools across the district will have unique circumstances that require somewhat different approaches to each phase.

According to the plan all BPS students will begin with remote learning on September 21. Then, BPS will gradually introduce optional hybrid learning for all students, starting with the highest need students and the youngest students. BPS will then introduce optional hybrid learning for additional grade levels, starting with the youngest students, and moving up into the higher grades.

Each new phase will be contingent upon the most up-to-date public health metrics.

"This is the best approach to educate our children," said Walsh. "It creates an on-ramp for stu-

dents to return to the classroom, in a safe and careful way. This is the best way to tackle opportunity and achievement gaps in our city. We're going to make remote learning as high-quality as we possibly can. I have a lot of faith in our teachers to do that, and we're going to support them. But every day outside the classroom is a lost opportunity for many students. Schools mean more than learning. They mean essential services, care and mentoring, and social development. The other benefit is flexibility. We can adapt this plan to the health circumstances. We have more options for moving forward."

Walsh said this approach will give the city and BPS time to assess health data before each step with the Boston Public Health Commission. It will allow the City of Boston and BPS to address learning needs and opportunity gaps in person and by providing extra help for students learning online. In every step, families have the choice of whether to opt-in to hybrid learning or stay fully remote.

"The bottom line is this: We need to contain the virus and

keep our communities safe," said Walsh. "Kids need to get back to school, in many cases for reasons of equity and safety. And we need to provide quality education, in whatever format is required. That's what this plan makes possible. Every step along the way will follow science and public health data. Every family will have the choice about when to send children into school. And we will continue the work that began long before COVID-19: to close opportunity and achievement gaps, and give every single child the quality education that they deserve."

Walsh and Cassellius said school facilities will be in full compliance with state public health guidelines from the first day anyone enters those buildings, staff or students, and that work is happening now. It will be complete and ongoing, as teachers and school leaders help identify additional steps.

Cassellius said teachers will begin professional development on Tuesday, September 8 for teaching both the remote and hybrid models.

"Equity remains at the center of Boston Public Schools' plan-

ning for a safe and successful start to the school year," said Cassellius. "This plan prioritizes meeting the needs of our most vulnerable learners, respects family choice, and is thorough, thoughtful and responsive to the feedback we have received from families and teachers. We are excited for the new school year and will continue to support the social, emotional, and physical wellness of our students, staff and community as we lift up equity, promote health and safety, and ensure educators, staff, and families are prepared to support our students in their learning."

According to Walsh and Cassellius after Oct. 1 the BPS reopening plan outlines two options for families: all remote learning with five days a week of online instruction and hybrid learning with two days a week of learning in schools and three days of remote learning.

Students in the hybrid model will be assigned into Group A or Group B. Students in Group A will attend schools on Mondays and Tuesdays and students in Group B will attend school on Thursdays and Fridays (see sidebar).

All will learn online on Wednes-

days to allow for cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing of buildings. There are specific plans to work with students with disabilities, students who are working towards English language proficiency, and others who require additional time and care to support their learning.

"Science and data is at the forefront of every single plan as we work to gradually and safely reopen the City of Boston," said the city's Chief of Health and Human Services Marty Martinez. "By phasing grades in every two weeks, teachers and school staff will have the time they need to get comfortable with the safety of their buildings and classrooms before students arrive, and allow us to monitor for any COVID activity between phases. As we have said from the beginning, these dates are dependent on public health data, and we will be closely monitoring the public health situation while creating a safe space for Boston's students to learn."

To see the full plan with complete details about this plan, go to bostonpublicschools.org/Reopening.

Athenæum launches '(Anti)SUFFRAGE' exhibition

The Boston Athenæum has launched an online exhibit called "(Anti)SUFFRAGE" at <https://www.bostonathenaeum.org/exhibitions/antisuffrage>

The new, permanent online exhibition highlights rare books, broadsides, photographs and other items from the Boston Athenæum's special collections. From a variety of perspectives, they reveal how the suffrage movement in the United States, which led to the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920, contributed to redesigning the societal roles and responsibilities of women as they vied for equality.

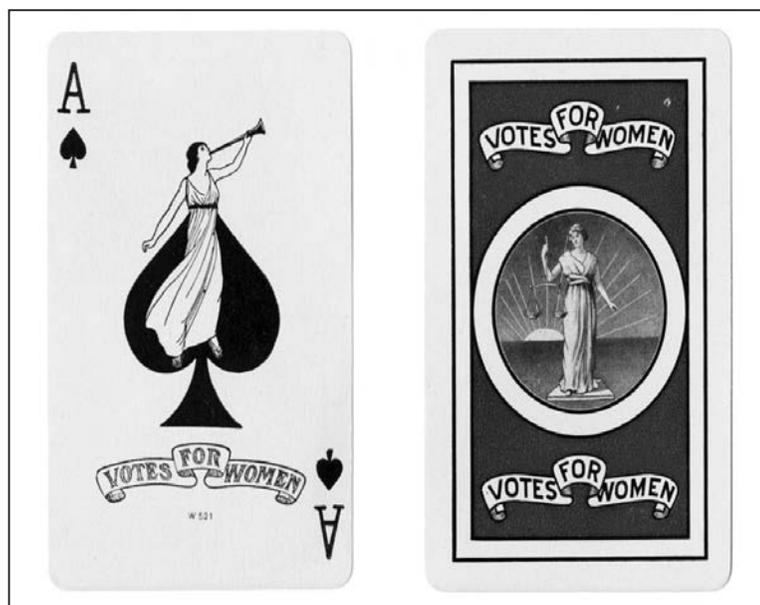
The exhibition presents the complexities of the struggle to secure and protect voting rights for

women and people of color in the past and today.

A few highlights include: "Votes for Women" playing cards, issued by the National American Woman Suffrage

Association circa 1915; a contemporary artist's book by Boston artist Laura Davidson, "We've Been Holding This

Sign for 100 Years" (2018); a



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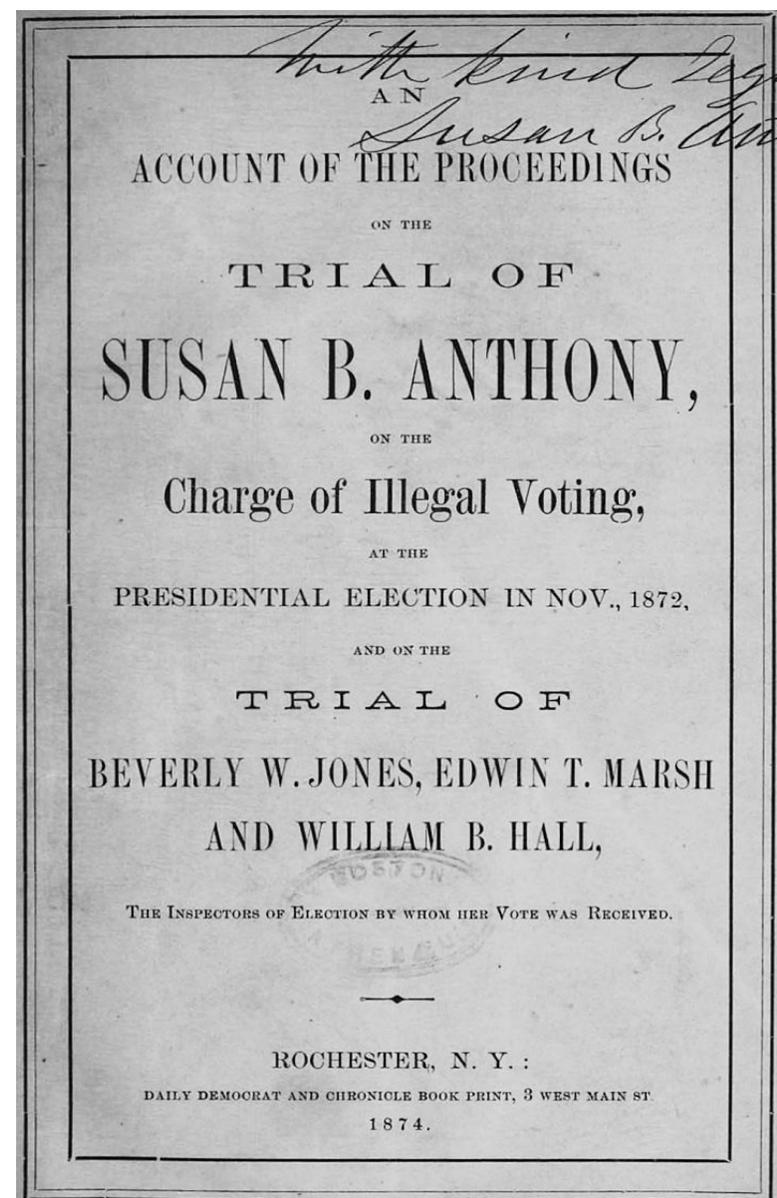
"Votes for Women" playing cards, issued by the National American Woman Suffrage Association circa 1915.

photographic portrait of suffragist Sojourner Truth (1864) that she commissioned and sold to support the cause; and *The Trial of Susan B. Anthony, On the Charge of Illegal Voting*, 1874, autographed by Anthony and donated to the Athenæum in 1877

"(Anti)SUFFRAGE" was curat-

ed by Theo Tyson, the Polly Thayer Starr Fellow in American Art and Culture at the Boston Athenæum, and was originally on view in the BA's Henry Long Room from Nov. 1, 2019 to March 13, 2020.

Visit <https://www.bostonathenaeum.org/exhibitions/antisuffrage> for more information.



The Trial of Susan B. Anthony, On the Charge of Illegal Voting, 1874, autographed by Anthony and donated to the Athenæum in 1877.

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West End community urges MGH to save three historic buildings

By Dan Murphy

West End community leaders and longtime residents are imploring Mass General to spare three historic buildings in the neighborhood that are slated for demolition as part of the hospital's planned \$1 billion expansion of its Cambridge Street campus.

"We're here, and you keep taking and taking and taking, and we're tired of it," longtime West End resident Patricia Cherin told hospital officials during an Aug. 19 virtual meeting sponsored by the

Boston Planning and Development Agency. "We've accommodated you, we've watched buildings fall down and get town down, and we lived with an empty parking lot for years. It just seems as though there's not going to be anything left."

MGH intends to build a pair of connected, 12-story towers that would provide 494 new hospital beds (many of which would be single occupancy), with surge capacity for an additional 130 patients; additional imaging and lab space; and a 246-space parking garage

located beneath the structure to accommodate only patients and their families.

The project as proposed would result in the demolition of the 1884 Winchell Elementary School (a.k.a. Ruth Sleeper Hall) at 24 Blossom St., the 1910 West End Tenement House at 23-25 North Anderson St. and the West End Settlement House at 16-18 Blossom St. — three of about a dozen historically significant buildings in the neighborhood to have survived the Urban Renewal efforts that began in the 1950s.

Tom Sieniewicz, a partner with the Boston office of the architectural firm NBBJ, said the three buildings couldn't be preserved and would only be suitable for reuse if retrofitted as office space (while the new complex has no plans for new office space).

The cost to relocate the buildings is estimated to be around \$177 million, Sieniewicz added, and that comes with no assurance from the sub-contractor that the structures wouldn't be destroyed or damaged in the process.

"The three West End structures would result in a significant loss to community," said Sally Mason Boemer, MGH's senior vice president of administration and finance. "We can't find a way to save them, but we can look at mitigation of the structures."

Proposed mitigation, Boemer said, includes giving financial support to organizations dedicated to historic preservation in the West End and Beacon Hill; collaborating with local museums to create an exhibit focusing on the history of MGH and the West End; and providing public space to display such an exhibit.

This came as little consolation to many of the project's critics, however.

"The mitigation is pathetic," said Duane Lucia, president of the West End Museum board of directors. "That's even more of a slap in the face."

The project, Lucia added, is just the latest instance of "West End displacement by Urban Renewal and MGH's unchecked expansion that has followed."

Lucia urged hospital officials to return the three buildings to community use and suggested transforming the Winchell building into a senior center.

Likewise, one or more of the buildings could be converted into a school or community center, Lucia said, since the neighborhood now also lacks both of these amenities.

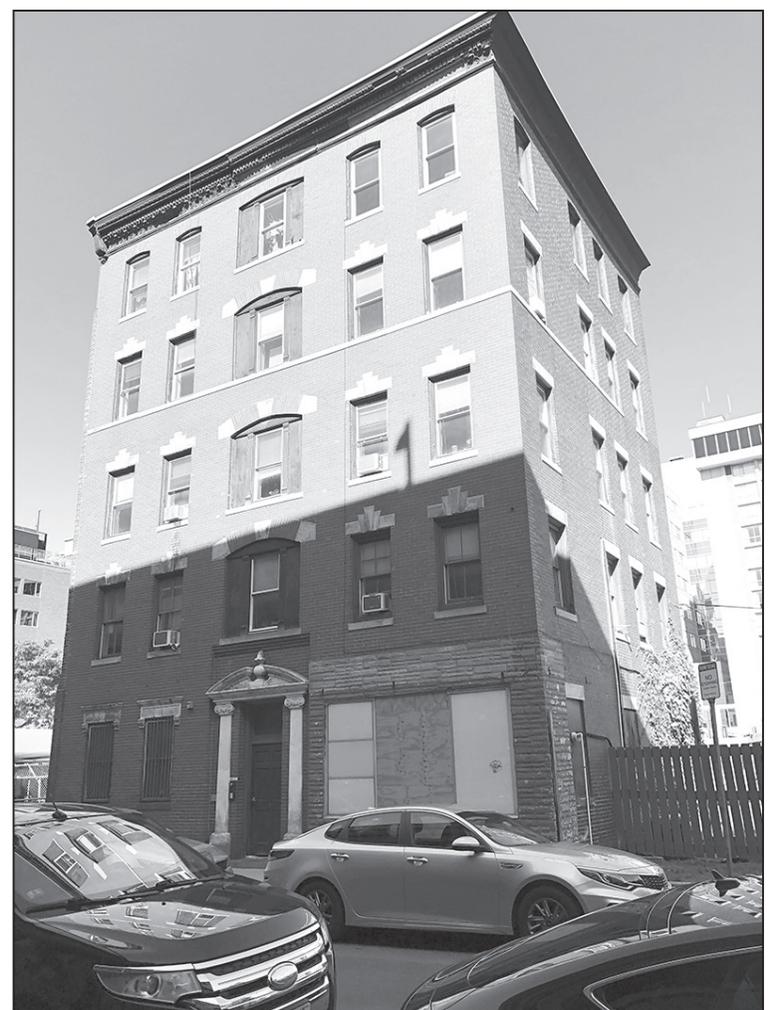
Steve Jerome of the West End balked at the proposed mitigation as well.



The West End Settlement House at 16-18 Blossom St.



The Winchell Elementary School at 24 Blossom St.



The 1910 West End Tenement House at 23-25 North Anderson St.

"Mitigation isn't preservation," Jerome said, "and the mitigation proposed so far isn't an acceptable approach to a solution."

The project would in essence, he said, "build a wall along Cambridge Street."

Jerome told hospital officials: "This isn't over tonight, and the community won't back down."

Emily Brown, director of policy and communications for City Councilor Kenzie Bok, said the councilor is extremely concerned that the project would result in the loss of not one, but three of the few remaining historic West End build-

ings, and that Councilor Bok plans to follow up on the matter with both the BPDA and MGH.

Although many in the community are clearly dissatisfied with the proposal, Greg Galer, executive director of the nonprofit Boston Preservation Alliance, which helped coordinate the meeting with the BPDA, urged stakeholders to work together to reach a compromise.

"It is a challenge, but it can be surmounted," Galer said. "Hopefully, collectively we can collaborate and find a solution that works for everyone."

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sachusetts. “He came in wearing a red rose, which meant he was against it. When on the floor, he did find a note from his mother. It basically told him to do the right thing and he did and ended up voting for it. It ended up being the deciding vote when he changed his mind because it prevailed by one vote.”

Price said the Ratification Day would have been a major celebration for the League, which was also founded in 1920 to educate women on issues of the day. The official approval came on Aug. 26, 1920 by the federal government.

“It was an extremely large and long movement,” Price said. “I think it was probably one of the largest movements ever in U.S. history. It lasted about 80 years and was dramatic at every turn. At every turn, it seemed they were just squeaking through. It’s a very impressive story.”

As it turned out, women were able to vote in the 1920 presidential election, and it is said – though not proven – that they were the driving force in electing Republican Warren Harding and his Vice President Calvin Coolidge, who was from Massachusetts.

Looking back from 100 years, in Boston, the milestone is met with a City Council that is majority female, with women holding eight of the 13 seats and including the Council President post.

City Councilor Kenzie Bok – who represents Back Bay, Bay Village and Beacon Hill – said the milestone is joyous and sobering at the same time.

“I think it’s both energizing and

sobering at the same time,” she said. “It’s energizing because you see how hard people worked to get this right and they were effective in doing it and all they went through, yet it’s sobering because you have a majority female Council 100 years later, but it took 90 years to get one or two women.”

She also said it is sobering in that African American women were not included in the milestone.

“Black women weren’t included in that, and you also saw a long history of poll taxes and voter suppression to keep people from voting, and that’s sobering too,” she said.

Councilor Lydia Edwards, who still wouldn’t have been able to vote at the 1920 milestone being an African American woman, said it was a time to celebrate, and also a time to acknowledge more can be done.

“As we enter one of the most consequential elections of our time, it’s important to remember so many of us are able to have a voice today and vote because of those who fought for a greater democracy,” she said. “This year marks the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. Let’s utilize this moment to reflect and acknowledge that many people were not included in the movement for women’s voting rights. We have learned and are still learning that gender and racial justice are inextricably linked and both are necessary.”

Both Price and Bok point out that historically, the Aug. 18 milestone and the 1920 election – which saw the first women voters

in the United States – gave birth to larger women’s issues.

Bok – a doctorate in history – said the passage of the 19th Amendment gave rise to one of the largest infusions of federal money into what were perceived as women’s issues, notably education and maternal health.

“Right after Women’s Suffrage passed, Congress took up the biggest set of pro-family, pro-women bills it ever had,” she said. “That was because all the men were terrified of losing their seat due to women getting the vote...So that moment of Women’s Suffrage also pushed Congress to address education and women’s maternal health.”

Likewise, Price said that in the moments after suffrage, many of those active in the movement began to rally around the Equal Rights Amendment – which is still being fought for.

Suffragist Alice Paul authored the ERA shortly after the 19th Amendment passed, Price said.

“Now that they had the vote, they wanted to get equality in other areas,” said Price. “That’s when the ERA was born – right after the right to vote was won.”

Price said that for many young women and girls, it can be confusing for them to hear that women actually couldn’t vote at one time – and not so long ago in the history of the country. She said they strive to educate them about the fight, the ups and downs, and the good and bad of it.

This week, however, marks a milestone and a call for more to be done to advance what was achieved 100 years ago this week.

“It’s a slow road,” she said. “But there is reason to believe we’re making progress. We had the first female presidential candidate in 2016, and now we have the first Asian/African American woman as a candidate for vice president and that’s a milestone. However, African American women in particular did not get to vote in 1920. They had to keep waiting until the Voting Rights Act...I like to say we’ve seen a lot of victories but still have a lot of work to do in regards to inclusion.”

After holding a small celebration on Tuesday afternoon next to the Boston Common, Kerry Costello of the Boston League of Women Voters, said it was important to know just how important one vote – and one’s mother – is.

“It was an important milestone certainly, but it wasn’t complete because it wasn’t for all women,” she said. “It is remarkable how important one vote can be. We saw that in the Boston City Council race last year. One vote does make a difference.”

Parks Department announces Beacon Hill virtual tree removal hearing

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, September 3, at 10:30 a.m. on a request to remove six public shade trees at 11 - 45 Bowdoin Street on Beacon Hill.

The request is for the removal of six honey locust trees measuring between 2 and 14 inches dbh (diameter at breast height) due to replacement of a 16-inch water main by the Boston Water & Sewer Commission.

The hearing will be held by the City of Boston’s Tree Warden (or designee). Please note that due to the current pandemic the hearing will be a virtual meeting via ZOOM. Written comments or questions may be submitted to parks@boston.gov prior to the

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Public testimony will be taken, or may be provided prior to the hearing in writing to the Tree Warden, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Roxbury, MA 02118 or by emailing parks@boston.gov with “Beacon Hill Tree Hearing” in the subject line.

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Walsh dedicates city's first cargo electric-assist tricycle to West End's Kittie Knox

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Environment Department, the Office of Women's Advancement, the Streets Cabinet, and the Office of New Urban Mechanics dedicated the City's first electric-assist cargo tricycle to Katherine "Kittie" Knox - a Black West End resident who confronted racial and gender stereotypes in Boston's bicycling community in the 1880s - during a virtual naming ceremony Thursday.

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"This new tricycle is an innovative new program as Boston continues its work towards achieving carbon neutrality in our city," said Mayor Walsh of the vehicle that also supports the City's work to reduce emissions from municipal sources - a critical goal of its 2019 Climate Action Plan Update.

"I'm proud this tricycle is named after Ms. Knox, an early

leader who championed equity in the bicycle community. In Boston, we have also proclaimed August 20 as Kittie Knox Day."

In October 2019, Mayor Walsh released an updated Climate Action Plan to further strengthen the City's ongoing initiatives to mitigate and adapt to climate change, including immediate steps to significantly reduce Boston's carbon emissions and strengthen the strategies needed to achieve the City's long-term goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. This new tricycle also builds on Boston's reputation for being one of the most energy-efficient cities in the United States, and complements existing programs such as Renew Boston Trust, Community Choice Energy, the Electric Vehicle Parking program, and Boston's long-standing building energy benchmarking program. The trike is intended to support City staff performing their daily tasks.

The trike also supports Go Boston 2030, the City of Boston's long-range, equitable transportation plan, aims to encourage mode shift away from single-occupancy vehicle trips toward low-emission modes of walking, biking, and public transit. To do this, the plan calls for better bike lanes, bus priority corridors, walk-friendly street design, and easy access to transit, bike share, and carshare.

The City of Boston is receiving support on zero-emissions vehicle deployment as part of the Bloomberg Philanthropies' American Cities Climate Challenge, which Boston was named a winner of in October 2019. The cargo tricycle is part of that effort. It is meant to be an option to replace a trip that would otherwise be taken by an employee using a city vehicle. Research shows that reducing car dependency for short trips can contribute to overall mode-shift toward active modes, as well as reducing greenhouse gas emis-



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"This innovative electric cargo tricycle pilot, aptly named for the pioneering Kittie Knox, reflects Boston's leadership in creating more sustainable ways for people to get around. It is always heartening to witness an American Cities Climate Challenge city turn a vision into reality - and even more so when it honors the life of a woman who fought valiantly for racial and gender equity. The 'Knox' marks an important milestone in Boston's commitment to fully decarbonize its transportation system and will serve as a reminder of the enduring legacy of Boston's trailblazing women," said Amanda Eaken, Director of the American Cities Climate Challenge.

In partnership with the Office of Women's Advancement, the City is naming the cargo tricycle in memory of Katherine "Kittie" Knox as part of its centennial commemoration of the 19th Amendment's ratification, which expanded voting rights to women.

"As we honor and reflect on the one hundred years of women at the ballot, we must recognize the trailblazers who wanted an equitable part in America's growth," said Tania Del Rio, Executive Director

of the Office of Women's Advancement. "While Kittie Knox was breaking racial and gender barriers in the white male-dominated sport of cycling, suffragist leader Lucy Stone was inspiring women in Boston to organize for the right to vote. This dedication pays homage to the bravery and innovation of Boston's women from Knox's time to now."

Knox was a member of Riverside Cycle Club in Cambridge, the prominent Black bicycling club in the Greater Boston area in the 1890s, and joined the League of American Wheelmen in 1893, before the national association adopted a "white only" membership policy in 1894. When Ms. Knox went to a competition hosted by the League in New Jersey in 1895, some members tried to bar her entry, though she showed proof of membership in the League.

"Kittie's life deserves recognition and it is gratifying that the bicycling community is making space to learn from Kittie and its past treatment of her and people who looked like her," Larry Finison, author of "Boston's Cycling Craze, 1880-1900," said. "Kittie Knox is indeed an exemplar of equity, diversity, and inclusion."

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR BEACON HILL/BACK BAY GIRL SCOUT TROOP 65321

Girl Scout Troop 65321, covering the Beacon Hill and Back Bay neighborhoods, is accepting enrollment for new scouts entering Kindergarten and first grade (fall 2020). Meetings are held on Monday nights, approximately once or twice a month, at the Advent Church on Beacon Hill. To enroll your daughter or

for information on enrollment for other grades, e-mail Jill Hauff at jill.hauff@gmail.com.

VIRTUAL EVENT ON 'IMAGES IN THE FIGHT FOR WOMEN'S VOTES'

The Boston Athenæum presents a virtual event called "Images in the Fight for Women's Votes," with historian Allison K. Lange, on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m.

Since the nation's founding, Americans have used images to define power and gender roles.

Popular pictures praised male presidents, while cartoons mocked women who sought rights. Women's rights activists like Sojourner Truth and Susan B. Anthony challenged these powerful pictures by distributing portraits that featured women as political leaders. Over time, suffragists developed a national visual campaign to change ideas about gender and politics and win voting rights.

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