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Walsh's job performance already garnering praise

By Dan Murphy

After delivering what was his final State of the City address on Tuesday night, Mayor Martin J. Walsh is stepping down after seven years as the city's political leader, and his performance on the job is already receiving a largely laudatory response.

"I think he will be remembered overall positively," Rep. Jay Livingstone said of Mayor Walsh. "[On Beacon Hill,] he'll generally be remembered for working with the business community and the neighborhood associations to achieve the best results."

Upon entering office, however, Mayor Walsh initially found himself at odds with the Beacon Hill community, which hadn't largely supported him in the election, Rep. Livingstone said, over the installation of ADA-accessible curb-cuts on streets in that neighborhood.



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Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

"But at the end of the day, he listened to the neighborhood's concerns and took them into account," Rep. Livingstone said, "and we were able to reach a resolution that satisfied everyone's expectations."

While Rep. Livingstone said

the number of people suggesting that he enter the race to fill Mayor Walsh's seat has been flattering, he flatly insists he isn't interested in the job.

"A diverse, talented group of

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Savenor's GM claims top spot on season finale of 'Chopped'

By Dan Murphy

It could almost be described as a fairy tale come true for Christopher Walker.

The general manager of both the Charles Street and Cambridge locations of Savenor's Market, Walker won first prize on the Dec. 8 season finale of the Food Network's hit series "Chopped," and is using his \$25,000 winnings to save his grandmother's Dorchester home, where he grew up, along with members of four generations on his mother's side of the family.

Chef Walker was crowned the "bacon champion" on the Nov. 8 season opener, landing him a spot on the "Comfort Food Finale," which pitted him against Chef Stacy Mokes of Talula's of Asbury

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Christopher Walker, who won first-place prize on the season finale of the Food Network's hit series "Chopped," and is general manager of both the Charles Street and Cambridge locations of Savenor's Market.

State Bond Bill could mean reconfiguration of Charles Circle and expansion of Esplanade

By Dan Murphy

A reconfigured Charles Circle and the first expansion of the Charles River Esplanade in decades came one step closer to reality last week when Massachusetts lawmakers passed a \$17 billion, 10-year State Transportation Bond, which, thanks to language drafted by Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Jay Livingstone, allocates \$108 million for the relocation of a portion of Storrow Drive.

Sen. DiDomenico and Rep. Livingstone have proposed moving a portion of the roadway and its Charles Circle access ramps and consolidating the westbound and eastbound lanes from under two to under one archway of the Longfellow Bridge; this could not only facilitate the flow of traffic on Cambridge Street, but also result in an increase of three acres of new greenspace on the Esplanade between the bridge and the Charles River.

"This is funding largest expan-

sion of the Esplanade in decades, and at the same time, increasing public safety and traffic patterns on that roadway," Sen. DiDomenico said. "It's going to be a tremendous benefit for the people of that neighborhood and people traveling in that neighborhood. Now, we need to just get work to begin and focus on getting shovels in the ground and getting [the project] moving so we can see the benefits for that community."

In 2004, legislation drafted by Rep. Livingstone passed became law that authorized Massachusetts Ear and Ear Infirmary to enter into a long-term agreement with the state to lease two surface parking lots located within the Esplanade. At that time, the hospital planned to build a garage beneath the parcels, converting the existing lots to landscaped parkland at the street level, as well as to add approximately 240,000 square feet, or 15 new floors, to its campus.

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Thank you to our members and Beacon Hill neighbors!

Thank you for your abundant donations to our Winter Clothing Drive, which ends this Friday. We

have already made two deliveries to both Bay Cove Human Services and the Old West Church.

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wrote: "Thank you, and everyone at the Beacon Hill Civic Association, for your generous donation drive efforts this season. The many items, such as new socks, hats, thermal underwear, that your group has donated to Bay Cove Human Services are greatly appreciated by clients and staff. At Bay Cove, our vision is full, rich lives for people facing the greatest challenges. We provide services to some of the most vulnerable people in our community: children and adults with developmental disabilities; people facing addictions; people working to recover from mental illness; and people determined to live independently, despite the challenges associated with aging. We are grateful to have your support in this effort."

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Some of the donated items for the BHCA Winter Clothing Drive.

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EDITORIAL

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

As we were watching on TV the dramatic events unfold in Washington last week when the Trump Mob stormed the Capitol, threatening the lives of the Vice President, members of Congress, and the police who tried to hold them back (and actually murdering one of the members of the Capitol Police), the image of a gathering 58 years earlier in August, 1963, illuminated our mind's eye.

We are referring to the March on Washington, when more than 250,000 Americans from all across the country gathered at the Lincoln Memorial on a steamy summer day to demand "jobs and freedom," an event that was climaxed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s immortal "I Have a Dream" speech.

The March on Washington was famous not only for Dr. King's iconic words, but also because the unprecedented mass gathering of Americans was completely peaceful. Pundits and others had predicted rioting, but there were no arrests, no incidents, no violence -- a stark contrast to the events of last Wednesday perpetrated by Trump's Mob.

The March on Washington and Dr. King's subsequent peaceful protests galvanized support for the goals of "jobs and freedom," eventually resulting in laws such as the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act that ended segregation in the South and discrimination in the North.

We would note that even the best efforts of a revered figure such as Dr. King could not stem the tide of violent rioting that marked the 1960s, most notably Watts in 1965, Detroit in 1967, and Chicago in 1968.

Yet Dr. King's legacy of peaceful protest is what endures today.

For those of us old enough to remember the 1960s, it's hard to believe that it has been almost 53 years since Dr. King was assassinated while he was standing on a balcony in a motel room in Memphis. Dr. King was in Memphis to show his solidarity with striking city trash collection workers.

Every school child for the past generation knows well the story of Dr. Martin Luther King. But an elementary school textbook cannot truly convey the extent to which he brought about real change in our country. To anyone under the age of 50, Dr. King is just another historical figure.

But for those of us who can recall the 1960s, a time when racial segregation was lawful throughout half of our country and a stealthy racism prevailed throughout the other half, Martin Luther King stands out as one of the great leaders in American history, a man whose stirring words and perseverance to his cause changed forever the historical trajectory of race relations in America, a subject that some historians refer to as the Original Sin of the American experience.

However, as much as things have changed for the better in the past 53 years in terms of racial equality in our society, the events of last Wednesday also made it clear that we still have a long way to go before it can be said, as Dr. King put it in his speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

"What would Dr. Martin Luther King do if he were alive today?" we often ask ourselves. We can't say for sure, but we do know that although King accomplished much in his lifetime, he would be the first to understand that the work for which he gave his life still is far from done.

Dr. King advocated for non-violent protest and he practiced what he preached. That's a lesson that must be re-learned by each succeeding generation. We can only hope that his spirit and courage can continue to inspire this and future generations to bring about a world in which all persons are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.



GUEST OP-ED

Please, stop the violence

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Acts of violence against a marriage partner have never saved a marriage. Violent acts toward family members have never made a family happier. Typically, they create emotional and sometimes physical wounds that are never forgotten. Too many families have suffered because someone in the family became violent.

Violence in our communities and towns always results in pain, division and sometimes even loss of life. Violence typically brings the wrong people together to do bad things. No community, city or state needs this.

In times of war or enemy aggression against our United States, violence has been necessary. Acts of war have never been pleasant. They result in the loss of life and horrific debilitation of so many people physically and mentally. Most Americans do not want to be at war with anyone.

In years past, we have had to protect our country against those who sought to harm us. The Second Amendment gives Americans the right to bear arms and protect ourselves. We are grateful for our military but we pray for peace. None of us want our family members actively involved in com-

bat if it can be avoided.

Violence like we saw last week at the United States Capitol was criminal. It helped no one. It solved nothing. Everyone who traveled to hear President Trump speak should have bought a nice dinner in D.C. and then traveled back to their families. Unlawfully entering the Capitol was wrong and was carried out in a violent criminal way. People were killed. Offices were torn apart and doors broken down. Staffers were terrified for their lives. This should never have happened. Many of these criminals will eventually be arrested and spend time in jail.

This act of criminal stupidity did nothing to advance or help President Trump. If they had stopped in front of the Capitol and given speeches, yelled, screamed, waved their signs throughout the day and then gone home the results would have been better. Terrorism never produces positive results. Destruction of the property of others and the terrorism of people are savage and criminal.

This same kind of unnecessary violence was seen in many of our cities last summer. I traveled to Cleveland, Ohio after a march had

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LET IT SNOW

To the Editor,

With the strict pandemic rules on travel over the Holidays, I have had more time to walk our 16-year-old dog, Angus, around our city neighborhood. I like our night walk the most. It is harder to see the litter that adorns the sidewalks and curbsides. The only time our neighbor looks clean, if not pristine, is after a heavy snow- if only for a short time.

In many countries, people have more respect for their neighborhoods. Fines are stiff. Residents and store owners are required to keep their frontage clean.

Let it snow all winter. And shoveling is good exercise (if you are in shape).

Tris Dammin

BATHROOMS VERY NEEDED IN PUBLIC PARKS

To the Editor,

We cannot deny that bathrooms are necessary for a basic human need. This need for bathrooms in public space is denied now more than ever. I am not alone in this concern. I am a volunteer with Common Cathedral and Common Art. I have heard from many homeless people about the difficulty and often the impossibility of finding an open public bathroom on the Common and at Copley Square. I have also heard about the horrible indignities they suffer when they can't find a bathroom, indignities which no human should have to suffer. I cannot ignore this and I beg you not to ignore it.

This lack of accessible, safe, clean bathrooms continues to be a serious public health problem

which affects us all: homeless people who sleep outside as well as the many residents and tourists who enjoy these beautiful parks. Many homeless people formerly used the bathrooms at the Copley Library, now closed since last March. Hotels won't let non-guests use the facilities. Burger King on Tremont Street won't even let customers use their bathrooms. Currently there is no place for them to go since so many places are closed because of the virus.

We do not need to re-invent the wheel. I think there are some simple solutions. There already are some great bathrooms on the Common: at The Frog Pond and at the Visitors Information Center. However, the City of Boston doesn't manage them. The Frog Pond bathrooms are managed by the Skating Club of Boston and are open currently from 10 to 4 Saturday through Thursday and from 10 to 5 on Fridays. I think the Frog Pond bathrooms could stay open all night. Or even at the least they could be open the hours that the Common is open to the public – which are 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The Visitors Information Center on the Common next to Tremont Street also has great bathrooms. It is managed by the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau, but sadly their bathrooms are now closed until further notice. They had to furlough some employees as a result of the pandemic.

I am sure that if the Skating Club and the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau had more funding they could be able to be open longer hours. The extra staffing needed to supervise and maintain these bathrooms could be quickly hired. I believe money can be found in the city's budget

and also raised from local businesses.

Other cities have responded to the bathroom crisis. Cambridge has public bathrooms in Harvard Square and in Central Square. Why can't Boston just get the bathrooms it already has open longer hours and/or put up some porta potties and supervise them? For about \$1500 a month five porta-potties and a hand sanitation station can be rented and installed with weekly maintenance included. San Francisco has 24 supervised San Francisco Pit Stop stations, most of which are open 24/7. Why does Boston continue to ignore the problem? If there is a big event, like the Boston Marathon, there's no problem having porta-potties at Copley. But now with everything shut because of the virus and with the need for public bathrooms greater than ever, the city of Boston has its head in the sand and ignores the problem.

Bathrooms are a necessity in public spaces. Simply put: The city can and should collaborate with the Skating Club and the Greater Boston Convention Bureau so they can extend their hours and hire the staff needed to maintain and supervise these bathrooms. Or install some porta-potties which can be supervised and used in a safe and clean manner. This is not impossible given the combined resources of the city, the Skating Club and the Greater Boston Business and Convention Bureau. A workable solution must be found and implemented as soon as possible to have bathrooms on the Common and at Copley Square 24/7. All people should be able to take care of a basic body function and keep their dignity.

Maria Termini

BHCA (from pg. 1)

The BHCA thanks YOU for your continued generosity of clothing items to help our neighbors in need.

Join us!

If you haven't yet become a member of the BHCA, we invite you to join. If you have called our office for assistance with an issue, you will know that we are a valuable resource for our neighbors. Your input in quality of life issues on the Hill is important to us, and we rely on you to bring your comments and concerns to our attention. By joining our membership, you strengthen our numbers and add credibility to our purpose as advocates for Beacon Hill. Most importantly, you join a community of residents and businesses who want to preserve this special neighborhood. Please visit bhcivic.org or call the office to become a member.

Contractor and Moving Permits

Please contact the BHCA if you are aware of any contractor parking abuse. We will investigate.

Also, if you see paper permits on trees or gas lamp poles issued by the City of Boston for moving or construction vehicles that are EXPIRED, please feel free to remove and discard them. Every little bit helps!

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We recommend that our neighbors use this service whenever they have a question or concern to which the City can respond.

Upcoming BHCA Meetings (virtual):

Architecture Committee – Monday, January 18th*

Events Committee – Tuesday, January 26th *

*email info@bhcivic.org for joining instructions.

OP-Ed (from pg. 2)

taken place and saw the results of acts of violence. I saw almost all of downtown Cleveland boarded up. Businesses were closed. Hotels were closed. Very few restaurants were open. For weeks my family was afraid to stop in downtown Louisville because of the protests and disruption occurring in the city.

In the United States of America, individuals, groups and organizations have the absolute right to march, protest and exercise their free speech. However, the destruction of buildings and businesses

are acts of violence and are criminal. The people who shut down sections of cities throughout our country should be arrested for their behavior. An acquaintance, who lived outside Seattle for many years, was terrified to travel back to that city last year.

Violence against Democrats or Republicans will not bring this country back together. Invasion and violence against the Capitol solved nothing but ruined some lives. Violence will not change the results of the election. Joe Biden will be the President of the United

States for the next four years.

March, protest, yell, scream and financially support organizations who promote your point of view. But please, put your guns, pipe bombs and hatred away.

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In final State of the City address, Walsh speaks of Boston's resiliency

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Martin Walsh delivered what was probably his final State of the City address virtually on January 12 from the new Roxbury branch of the Boston Public Library.

Last week, President-elect Joe Biden nominated Walsh for Labor Secretary, and on Tuesday night, Walsh told Bostonians that he has accepted the position. The position still needs confirmation from the United States Senate, but if that happens, Walsh will step down and City Council President Kim Janey will become acting mayor.

"2020 was a tough year. 2021 is a year for healing," Walsh said in his speech, which, at times, became emotional as he teared up speaking of his life in Boston and his seven years as the city's mayor.

In his 2020 address, the mayor made promises to the city regarding affordable housing, education, transportation and more, but the COVID-19 pandemic came out of left field last March and shifted the way the Walsh administration had to think about the city.

"COVID has affected all of us, but there's no doubt, it hit some harder than others. In Black, Lati-

no, and immigrant communities, inequities in health, housing, and work opportunities caused more illness and job loss," Walsh said. "Older Bostonians and those with disabilities face the highest risk and the most isolation. Most students have been out of classrooms since March, and families have struggled with childcare."

Walsh honored the 1,060 Boston residents who have lost their lives to the virus, and praised those who stepped up to help during the crisis, including EMTs, doctors, nurses, firefighters, police officers, and more.

"As mayor, I made decisions I never thought I'd have to make: to close schools; pause construction; turn our convention center into a field hospital; and cancel the Boston Marathon for the first time in its history," Walsh said.

He also spoke of other achievements in 2020, including the creation of a Health Inequities Task Force and the Boston Resiliency Fund, the distribution of more than six million meals to Boston residents, providing 40,000 laptops to Boston Public Schools (BPS) students, and the distribution of permanent rental vouchers

to more than 1,000 families at risk for homelessness.

"We may be hurting, but the state of our city is resilient; the state of our city is united; the state of our city is hopeful; and the state of our city is deep-down Boston strong," Walsh said.

Looking forward, Walsh said that "there will be more hard decisions to make," but everyone must keep playing their part by wearing masks and following all other guidelines to help stop the spread of the virus. The city will continue to provide free COVID testing, Walsh said, as well as access to the vaccine once it becomes available for more and more people.

Earlier this week, BPS announced a new plan for reopening school safely for hybrid learning, and Walsh said the distribution of food, laptops, clothing, and housing supports will be expanded.

"We've been hit hard by the COVID recession," Walsh said. "For seven years, we built one of the most dynamic and resilient economies in the world."

He said that jobs can be brought back to every neighborhood as part of economic recovery in the city.

Walsh also provided a special message to the city's small business owners. "You are the soul of our economy, and you sacrificed so much for the safety of our city," he said. "I will never forget it."

He added that \$26 million has been provided to almost 4,000 small businesses so far, and small business will be "at the center of our recovery," he said.

Walsh also said that construction on new affordable homes will continue, as Boston has "stayed the national leader in subsidized, affordable housing."

Boston is also now the first city in the nation with a requirement for Fair Housing in the zoning code. "It's a powerful tool to protect residents from displacement," Walsh said.

Walsh also addressed recovery services, which he said have

remained in place since March, as well as climate work. He said that he "made sure that Boston never strayed from the Paris agreement—even when the White House did."

Boston has already issued its first Green Bonds, which will fund projects related to energy efficiency, and Community Choice electricity will become a reality next month.

Walsh also spoke about racial equality in the city. "The urgency of our work has never been more clear," he said. "Last summer, George Floyd's murder sparked a long-overdue reckoning with racism. I thank Black Bostonians for the way you made your voices heard. And I thank everyone who joined the movement — Black, white, Latino, Asian, and indigenous peoples standing together."

He said that he has "listened to those who have been there to tell their stories and speak their truth," from Black youth on his team to leaders, clergy, and activists. "They described lifelong anxiety around being pre-judged and denied opportunities," Walsh said. "I heard grief, not just over lives lost -- but over children's futures limited."

Last year, Walsh declared racism a public health crisis, allocated millions of dollars into youth and other programs, and "we enacted historic police reforms, with Black and Brown Bostonians leading the work," he said. The city is now in search of a Chief of Equity to lead the work.

He said that though he is "proud of the work we've done in Boston," he added that "doing better than before isn't enough," and systemic racism needs to be addressed on all levels in the city.

"No city is better prepared than Boston to meet this moment," Walsh said, adding that the city has "set a new standard for fiscal management," and has earned triple-A bond ratings for seven consecutive years.

"We made the right decisions in the good times, so Boston has the strength to move forward now."

He mentioned many new investments, such as historic investments in parks, libraries, a brand new fire station in Roxbury, the renovation of Boston City Hall plaza, and many others.

"I believe in Boston," Walsh said. "This is the city that welcomed my immigrant parents. This is the city that picked me up when I needed a second chance. This is the city where I fought side by side with you for marriage equality, immigrant rights, addiction treatment, criminal justice reform, education funding, and good middle-class jobs."

He said that as part of the Biden Administration, he "will work to make sure it's the best federal partner Boston and America's cities ever had."

He continued, "the truth is, I'm not going to Washington alone. I'm bringing Boston with me. This city is not just my hometown, it's my heart." He mentioned many people who have helped and guided him over the years, including his parents, teachers, priests, the kids he coached in Little League, those he met in recovery, his colleagues at the State House, and other elected officials he currently serves alongside, among many others.

"Seven years ago, at my first inauguration, I said 'I will listen, I will learn, I will lead. We are sworn in together and we are in this together — all of us.' I meant it. Every minute of every day in this job, I spent listening to you, talking with you, working with you and working for you. I will never forget it, and I will forever be grateful."

Walsh finished his speech by saying that Boston still has "tough days ahead of us. But we've been knocked down before, and we always get back up. In 2021, Boston will rise up again. We will leave no one behind. And our city will be stronger than ever."

The full text and video of Mayor Walsh's address can be found at: www.boston.gov/news/state-city-2021.

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NHM'S BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS "HOUSE OF MIRTH"

The next installment of the Nichols House Museum's Read the Room book club takes place virtually on Wednesday, Jan. 20,

from 6 to 7:30 p.m., when the book for discussion will be "The House of Mirth" by Edith Wharton.

Admission is free for museum members and \$12 for non-members, but space is limited, so advance registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/read-the-room-book-club-the-house-of-mirth-at-nichols-house-museum-tickets-133394641965>.

Biden taps Walsh to become U.S. Labor Secretary in Washington, D.C.

By Seth Daniel

President-elect Joe Biden has called on Mayor Martin Walsh to join his Cabinet and lead his incoming Labor Department – and Walsh has answered the call for his long-time ally and friend.

Rumors had been swirling all last week, particularly in the State House, about Walsh's impending departure – which most thought would be announced last Wednesday. National events at the U.S. Capitol seemed to postpone that, and on Tuesday it was first officially reported by Politico.com. On Friday, Biden held a television press conference to make the official announcement.

"I am nominating a good friend and a stand-up guy – Marty Walsh of Boston," said Biden on Friday. "The son of Irish immigrants, his only downside is they're not from Mayo, they're from Galway. They left Galway and moved to Boston. Marty was born and raised in Dorchester. People who know him know he's tough as nails...He's in his second term a successful time as mayor of the iconic city of Boston and always puts working people first...Marty understands that the middle-class built this country and unions built the middle class. He sees how union workers have held this country together in crisis...They are literally keeping this country going and they deserve a Secretary of Labor who knows how to build their power of workers. He knows that when I say our future is built in America, it will be a future built by American work-

ers."

He noted that the Free Labor Standards Act didn't say one could only have unions, but said unions should be encouraged. Some of the issues Biden identified for Walsh to work on was a \$15 minimum wage, pension protection, worker safety, wage theft, union participation in trade policy and paid family leave. In a bit of a surprise, Biden said he gave "serious consideration" to putting Sen. Bernie Sanders into the position, but the two decided it would be best for Sanders to remain in the Democratically-controlled Senate. He would be the first union member to serve as Secretary of Labor. He would need to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

"This is one of the most important departments to me," said Biden. "I trust Mayor Walsh and I am honored he accepted."

Walsh spoke during the press conference also, but his most poignant comments came during Tuesday's State of the City Address – where he often got emotional at the parts where he spoke about leaving his hometown and his job as mayor, which he has called his "dream job."

He told the online audience Tuesday that he had accepted the job of Labor Secretary and was just waiting for Senate confirmation.

"In eight days, we'll have friends and allies in the White House who believe in cities and share our values," he said, beginning to choke up. "As a member of that Administration, I will work to make sure

it's the best federal partner Boston and America's cities ever had. The truth is, I'm not going to Washington alone. I'm bringing Boston with me. This city is not just my hometown, it's my heart. It's my mother and father at the kitchen table on Taft Street in Dorchester, talking about helping people...In the end, I carry with me the people of Boston, from every neighborhood: every child who shared a dream with me; every senior who shared a memory; every business owner who welcomed me in; every nonprofit or community leader I worked with; and everyone watching right now who cares about their family and the future of this city."

It wrapped up a surprising few days in City politics where many loyal Walsh supporters felt there was no way he was going to leave for Washington, D.C., though others – primarily in the State House – felt it was an absolute given. The news first came on Thursday around 1:30 p.m. when Politico.com broke the official news.

However, Councilor Michelle Wu – who is running for mayor – enjoyed breaking the news somewhat before it became official in issuing a statement shortly after the Politico story. That, of course, is something the mayor did for her last fall when he "outed" her mayoral campaign to The Boston Globe before she officially announced it.

"Congratulations to Mayor Marty Walsh on his nomination as Labor Secretary for the Biden Administration," said Wu. "He

will be the first union member to serve in this role in nearly 50 years, and his leadership will come at a critical time for the labor movement. There is much work to do to clean up the backwards, anti-worker policies of the Trump administration that have hurt so many here in our city, and Boston needs a partner to fight for working families at the federal level."

The other announced mayoral candidate, District 4 Councilor Andrea Campbell – a former Council President – also issued a statement Thursday afternoon.

"Congratulations to Mayor Walsh on his nomination as Secretary of Labor – a fitting role for someone who has spent his entire career fighting for working people in and out of public service," she said. "The realities of deep division in our country and city have never been more clear than they have this year – amidst a pandemic and yesterday's domestic attack on our democracy. For Boston, there's so much at stake in 2021 as we look to recover from this pandemic and reimagine what our city can be without persistent inequities. I know Mayor Walsh will be a partner in that work in this new role."

Others that had been suggested alongside Walsh were Congressman Andy Levin of Michigan, former Deputy Labor Secretary Seth Harris, California Labor Secretary Julie Su and AFL-CIO Chief Economist Bill Spriggs, according to the Politico.com report and other previous media reports.

Local trade unions immediately gave their support to Biden picking

Walsh.

"IBEW Local 103 has seen firsthand that Marty Walsh is a champion for all working people," said Business Manager Lou Antonellis. "We share his values that every worker deserves access to great training, great careers, and a chance at the American dream. As an organizer, legislator, and Mayor, Marty Walsh has demonstrated his profound commitment to making stronger communities and safer workplaces."

The state AFL-CIO also commended the pick, noting they have worked closely with Walsh and believe he will be a great Secretary of Labor.

"Marty Walsh is a champion of working people and is a perfect pick to lead the Department of Labor," said Massachusetts AFL-CIO President Steven A. Tolman. "From my time working side by side with Marty Walsh both in the legislature and as the President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, I have seen the unmatched level of care and passion he brings to fighting for working people every day. His service and record as a dedicated labor leader, legislator, and Mayor of Boston provides overwhelming evidence that he will be a terrific Secretary of Labor."

There haven't yet been any announcements as to when confirmation hearings would begin, but certainly they would be after the Jan. 21 Inauguration Day, though many believe confirmation could come quickly with the U.S. Senate soon being controlled by the Democratic Party.

WALKER (from pg. 1)

Park, N.J.; Chef Dan Rassi of Wicked Fresh Craft Burgers and Fire by Wicked Fresh, both of North Conway N.H.; and Chef Serita Ekya of S'MAC of New York City, who were the season's respective top-prize winners in the pizza, burger and mac-and-cheese categories.

Every episode this season was filmed in August in Hidden Pond, Maine, just outside Kennebunkport, and pitted four trained chefs against each other as they improvised an appetizer, an entrée and dessert using "mystery boxes" consisting of often-unusual ingredients while incorporating an overarching general theme into the meal. One contestant is eliminated after each round until a finalist emerges after dessert (and who ultimately goes on to compete in the season finale).

In the 20-minute first round of the finale, Walker made an appetizer he called "The Family Meal," in reference to the dishes com-

prising ingredients left over from kitchen prep-work that restaurants commonly provide to their on-duty servers and staff, and which they eat together "family style."

The ingredients given to the contestants for this round included pizza pot pie, red sorrel, grape jelly and hot butt cappy, and Walker gave it his own personalized twist by adding red wine vinegar and veal demi to make a hearty soup, which, he said, was inspired largely by some of the dishes cooked in his childhood home.

"In my family's kitchen, they were always making soup," he said.

For his main course, which he dubbed "Sunday Dinner," and which one of the judges called "pure comfort joy," Walker made mac-and-cheese with bourbon, heavy cream and cheddar. He put the dish together within the allotted half-hour timeframe from the mac-and-cheese stuffed turkey, collard greens, pizza cocktail and wild

boar bacon provided, embellishing it with potato and smattering of green pickle.

Once again, Walker drew inspiration from his family recipes for the mac-and-cheese – a comfort-food staple that his grandmother taught his mother to make in the home, where she, too, grew up.

"I've worked in kitchens all over the world," said Walker, who gave his dish an extra kick by using pickled collard greens, which he called a "staple of soul food," in the pizza cocktail, "but it all started off in my grandmother's kitchen."

For dessert, Walker used the allotted half hour to make his "Grandmothers' Cornbread," which he attributed to his maternal and paternal grandmothers, who both hail from Georgia, and who each have their own recipe for the dish.

The ingredients provided for this round included a "cinnaburg-

er" (a quadruple bacon cheeseburger with cinnamon rolls instead of burger buns); wild Maine blueberries; mango ketchup; and mac-and-cheese candy canes, and Walker made ice cream from yogurt, bourbon and lemon as part of his dessert.

"Some people think you're crazy for making ice cream because so many things can go wrong," said Walker, who previously hadn't made the frozen confection in 10 years.

Despite the spirited competition between the contestants, Walker said he developed a genuine sense of camaraderie with them, which he likened to the same sense of togetherness he has felt working as part of a professional kitchen staff.

"I really have such great respect for the people I competed with, especially the people in the finals," Walker said. "They were incredible people, and they were very kind. We had great camaraderie... because we were all showcasing

our industries and reminding people to support small businesses, and that's what it really boils down to."

(And apparently the feeling was mutual, since Rassi told a reporter for the Conway (N.H.) Daily Sun last month, after hearing Walker's plans for the award money, that Rassi would've shared his winnings with Walker had Rassi won instead.)

For Walker, the money means his grandmother can stay in the home she and Walker's grandfather bought and raised their family, and where five of Walker's nieces and nephews were living at the time of the finale's filming.

"It's been phenomenal, and it's nice to know that the light at the end of the tunnel is here," said Walker, adding that after the pandemic hit, the family barely had enough to cover essentials and were in grave danger of losing their home. "My grandmother is happy, and that's always great."

FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK



Gov. Charles Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito joined legislators and public safety officials to participate in a ceremonial signing the Patient First Health Care and Police Reform bills.

GOV. BAKER SIGNS POLICE REFORM BILL

Gov. Charles Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito joined legislators and public safety officials to participate in a ceremonial signing of S.2963, An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth.

Baker and Polito were also joined by Senate President Karen Spilka, Speaker of the House Ronald Mariano, Sen. William Brownsberger, Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz, Rep. Claire Cronin, Rep. Russell Holmes, Rep. Chynah Tyler, MA Chiefs of Police Association President Ed Dunne, and former MA Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers President Larry Ellison to participate in the ceremonial signing.

The legislation will create a mandatory certification process for police officers, increases accountability and transparency in law enforcement and gives police departments a greater ability to hire or promote only qualified applicants. The new law also identifies the general circumstances under which police officers can use physical force, and places strict limits on the use of so-called 'no-knock warrants.' In addition, the legislation requires law enforcement to seek a court order when conducting a facial recognition search except in emergency situations.

GOV. BAKER HOLDS BILL SIGNING FOR PATIENT FIRST HEALTH CARE BILL

Gov. Charles Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito joined Secretary of

Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders to participate in a ceremonial signing of S.2984, An Act Promoting a Resilient Health Care System That Puts Patients First.

Baker and Polito were also joined by Sen. Cindy Friedman, Sen. Julian Cyr, and Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr to participate in the ceremonial signing. Baker also acknowledged the work of Speaker of the House Ronald Mariano, Senate President Karen Spilka, and other legislators for their work in advancing this comprehensive health care legislation.

The new law increases insurance coverage for telehealth services, expands the scope of practice for nurse practitioners, other specialized nurses, and optometrists, and takes steps to protect consumers from surprise medical bills. Recognizing the continuing impacts of COVID-19, the law also extends requirements for all insurance carriers in Massachusetts to cover COVID-19 testing and treatment. In addition, the legislation takes several steps to increase MassHealth member access to urgent care sites, including eliminating referral requirements before urgent care visits and requirements for care coordination with the member's primary care physician.

WALSH (from pg. 1)

individuals have declared or seem like they're ready to declare their candidacies," Rep. Livingstone said. "Boston seem like it will have a great choice to replace Mayor Walsh, and I look forward to learning about those candidates as the race develops."

City Councilor Kenzie Bok, who also said she has no intention of running for mayor and remains committed to her work in District 8, wrote: "I think one of Mayor Walsh's greatest legacies in the district will be the Community Preservation Act. His support was crucial to its passage, and when you think about its three pillars — historical preservation, parks, and affordable housing — those are three very important priorities for our district. In fact, it's really the first city historical preservation money to be made available. I've seen so many great CPA projects get funded in our neighborhoods already, and I think the program has been set up well—so that's definitely a legacy for the Mayor to be proud of."

Rob Whitney, chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association board of directors, said, "As president and now chair of the Civic Association, I had a lot of interaction through Mayor Walsh's senior staff, including Chris Osgood [the Mayor's chief of streets, transportation and sanitation] and Chris Cook [commissioner of the Boston Parks Department] that was really positive, working with our neighborhood on issues that are important to residents."

Whitney praised Osgood, under Mayor Walsh's leadership, in particular for his work implementing the agreement that the Civic Association now has with the city for upgrading sidewalk intersections.

"Mayor Walsh has been very good, and especially [Osgood] and his staff, at creating more accessibility on Beacon Hill for the present and into the future," Whitney said.

Moreover, Whitney said he has

also been "impressed with Mayor Walsh's commitment to affordable housing and his attempt to create affordable housing in all neighborhoods in the city, and of course, the long-term project that will continue long after he goes to Washington."

Whitney said that he looks forward to the Beacon Hill Civic Association joining with the West End Civic Association and the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay again to sponsor a mayoral candidates forum in the coming months.

Sharon Durkan, who chairs the Boston Ward 5 Democrats, praised President-elect Joe Biden for his choice of Walsh as Secretary of Labor, where, she said, Walsh "will get the chance to continue his legacy of commitment to workers and working families on the national level."

Added Durkan: "Mayor Walsh has led Boston during the biggest national public health crisis in history. The last [seven] years, we have seen some great technological improvements from City Hall including the innovation of Boston 311, which better enabled residents for support in non-emergency issues. These improvements will better enable the next Mayor to build on accessibility and transparency at City Hall. We've seen an increasingly empowered council, and I anticipate the collaboration will continue with the next Mayor's administration."

Looking ahead to Boston's next mayoral election, Durkan wrote, "This is bound to be an exciting year of conversation about Boston's future, and the Mayor we want to see take us into our 'new normal.' With a record number of women and people of color expected to run, this could be the most diverse slate of candidates in Boston's history. Voters are looking for a leader who can bring us together in the midst of these precarious and challenging times."



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West End Museum reinventing space and permanent exhibit during downtime

By Dan Murphy

Instead of letting the pandemic slow them down, the West End Museum is using this year's downtime to not only reinvent its Lomasney Way space, but also to reimagine "The Last Tenement," its longtime permanent exhibit.

"We're totally redesigning the space," said Sebastian Belfanti, the museum's director, "and we're looking at [the renovation work and the installation of the re-conceptualized exhibit] as one thing."

"The Last Tenement," which documents the history of the West End during the immigrant era from 1850 to 1958, was originally installed in 1992 at the Old State House by the Bostonian Society through a grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities before it was permanently relocated to the West End Museum in 2006.

"The current exhibit served us well for a long time, but it's starting to feel dated, so we really wanted to bring it into the 21st century," Belfanti said. "We wanted to give it a clearer focus and also [look at] the community in the West End changing from 1775 to today... and we want to really emphasize and tell the stories of the super diverse neighborhood that the West End was from 1901 to about 1950."

While all the ephemera previously displayed on the walls will be put in storage, some artifacts, like the vintage milk crates and sewing machine, will remain, Belfanti said, and other items, long gathering mothballs, will also return.

As the new exhibit will show, the West End was home to the city's biggest African American population throughout much of the 19th century.

"It started with them - they were

the first really active community in the neighborhood," Belfanti said. "Then we'll move onto the immigrant period when we sort of transition into a more stable second-generation neighborhood."

From African American soldiers in the Continental Army who fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill through to the Siege of Yorktown in the Civil War to Annie Londenberry, a Baltic immigrant who grew up in the West End tenements to become regarded as the "world's first international sports star" after riding her bike around the world, the exhibit will also celebrate some of the neighborhood's notable but neglected figures.

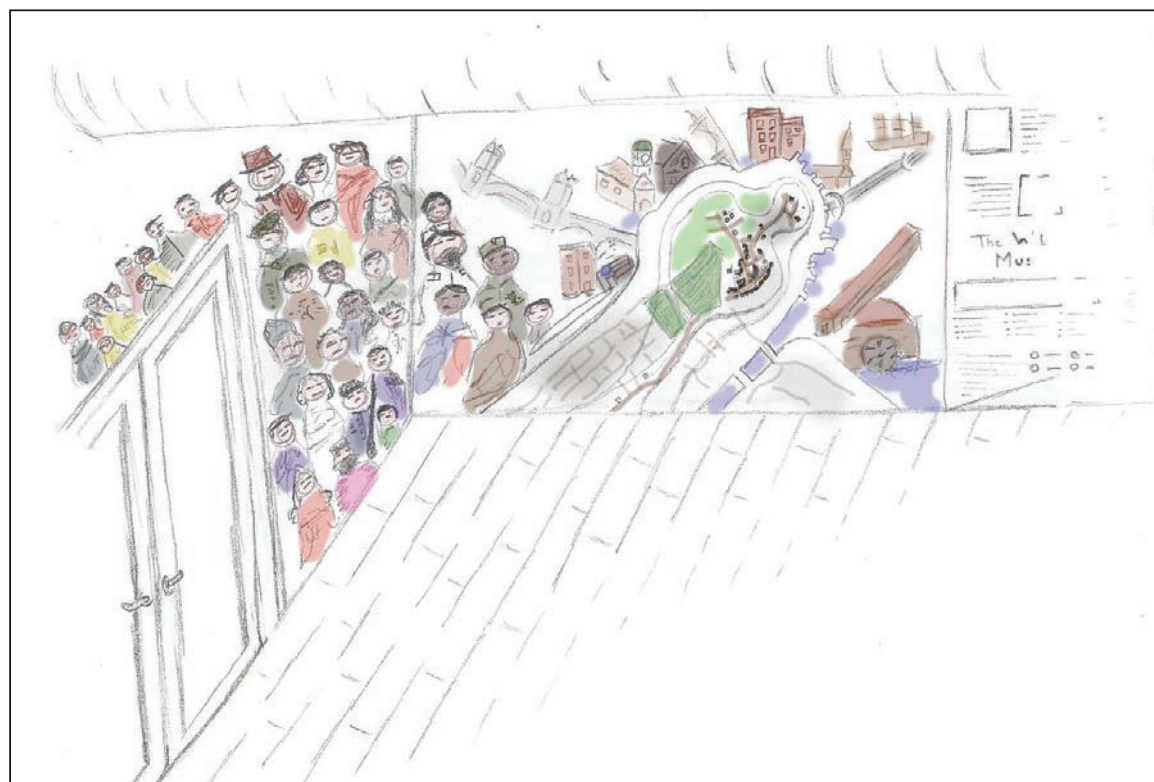
"There are so many really fascinating stories of people who've historically been ignored," Belfanti said, "and we want to make sure we're telling their stories."

The new exhibit will also dive into how Urban Renewal transformed the West End, Belfanti added, and had the unfortunate consequence of displacing many of the neighborhood's longtime residents in the late 1950s.

"Since we're the West End Museum, we'll look at Urban Renewal and its effects on the neighborhood, and how it shaped the modern city, and, more importantly, how that story is relevant to everyone who comes into the museum today," Belfanti said.

Besides the revamped main exhibit, the museum will also feature a rotating "Immersion Room," which will recreate a room or storefront as it was found in the neighborhood before the 1950s.

First up is a recreation of Joe & Nemo, a no-frills dining spot that opened in the former location of a barbershop on Stoddard Street in 1909, and whose signature hot dogs gained global acclaim: During World War II, U.S. Navy



A conceptual sketch by Sebastian Belfanti, the West End Museum's director, of the mural planned for the redesigned museum.

ships would commonly salute each other in Morse code with the message, "how are things in Scollay Square?," Belfanti said, in reference to the famous eatery, which served its last hot dog at the Scollay Square location in June of 1963.

Visitors to the new museum will also find a new welcoming center, which encompasses the gift store, Belfanti said, and as they proceed to the introduction area for the "Last Tenement" exhibit, they will then gaze upon a mural that fills an entire wall with individual panels comprising portraits and life stories of some of the West End's one-time residents, such as Leonard Nimoy, the actor who famously portrayed Mr. Spock on TV's "Star Trek," and Charles Bulfinch, widely regarded as the first professional architect in the U.S.

"It's just to add to museum's image and be something special that reflects what the place is, and what we're all about," Belfanti said of the planned mural, which will also feature a map showing how the shoreline and streets have changed over time.

The current permanent exhibit space is set to become the museum's Program Gallery, which will accommodate community events and serve as a research area, while temporary walls and removable panels would allow for smaller, rotating exhibits there.

Meanwhile, this ambitious undertaking can ultimately be chalked up to the museum making the most of its time during the ongoing public-health crisis.

"We took the pandemic as an opportunity," Belfanti said. "We

had no rotating exhibits then so it allowed us time to really get this moving. It's a silver lining in [an unfortunate] situation."

The Exhibit Committee, including Belfanti, Board President Duane Lucia, Board member Lois Ascher, and volunteer Philip MacLeod, began meeting weekly last March to develop the plan and the museum's board approved the initial concept in November.

As it stands, the remodeled West End Museum, along with its revamped "Last Tenement" exhibit, is expected to reopen in early '22.

"Obviously, it's a big project," Belfanti said. "We're hoping that I'll happen probably in about a year, and it'll happen gradually."

Visit thewestendmuseum.org to learn more.

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Beacon Hill COVID update

By John Lynds

Last week the cumulative COVID-19 positive test rate in Beacon Hill and the surrounding neighborhoods as well as the weekly positive test rate rose slightly.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday, overall 39,263 Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 4.8 percent of those tested were COVID positive—a 4.3 percent increase from the 4.6 percent two weeks ago.

Last week 3,288 residents were tested and 3.8 were positive—a 5.5 percent increase from the 3.6 reported two Fridays ago.

Citywide, 33,903 residents were tested and 8.9 percent were found to be COVID positive last week.

At a press briefing last week Mayor Martin Walsh reminded residents about extending Boston’s temporary pause on reopening. Last Tuesday the Mayor announced that he would extend the pause on Phase 3 of reopening for at least another three weeks,

until January 27.

“This is an effort to slow the spread to protect hospital capacity and avoid a more severe shutdown later on,” said Walsh. “This is not about targeting specific sectors as the cause of viral spread, but instead, an effort to reduce overall activity happening outside people’s homes.”

Boston’s Office of Economic Development has been reaching out to different sectors to let them know about the extensions and answer any questions.

To find a complete list of industries and activities that will remain closed, and those that are allowed to stay open, visit [Boston.gov/Reopening](https://www.boston.gov/reopening).

Walsh said in another three weeks, the City will re-evaluate the situation.

“If the metrics have moved in the right direction we’ll lift these restrictions,” said Walsh. “If the metrics get worse, we’ll have to put in place more restrictions.”

However, he added he is hopeful that he will be able to lift these restrictions, but he is taking a cautious approach and doing what he feels is right for Boston.

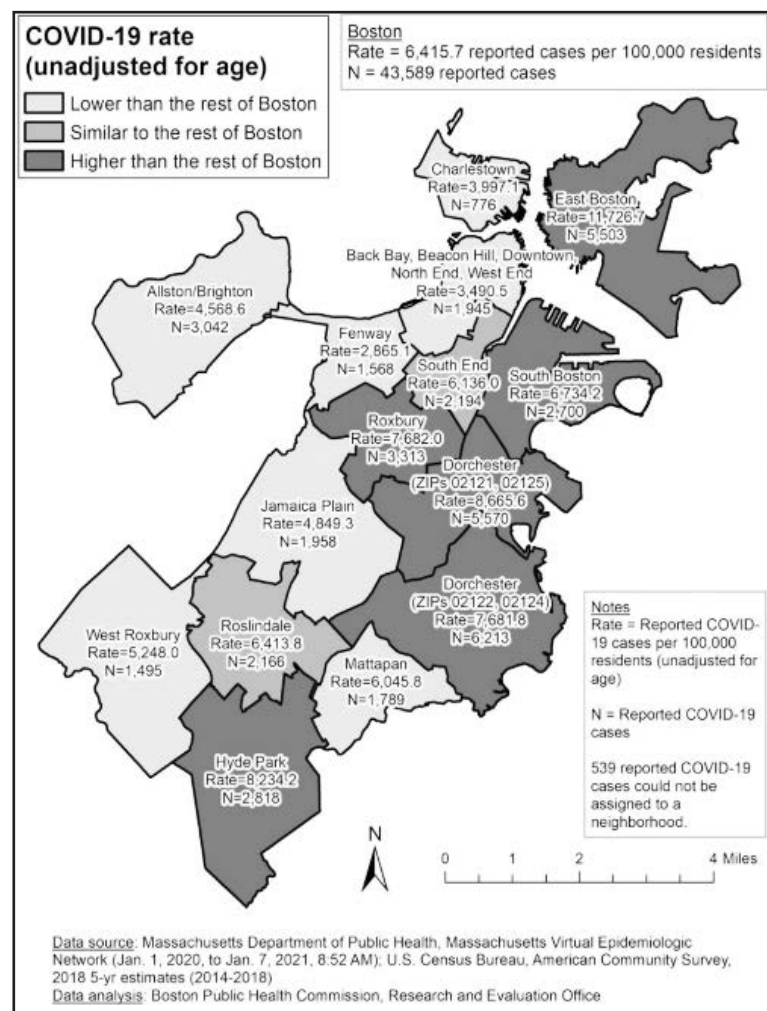
The infection rate in Beacon Hill and surrounding neighborhoods increased 8.4 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 349 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 321.9 cases per 10,000 residents.

One hundred fifty-one additional residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from 1,794 cases to 1,945 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 7.3 percent last week and went from 42,195 cases to 45,206 confirmed cases in a week. Thirty-five more Boston residents died from the virus and there are now 1,060 total deaths in the city from COVID.



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

Legislature closes out session by passing Boncore’s bills

In the final session of the 191st General Court last Tuesday evening, a number of bills and policies championed by Senator Boncore passed the Massachusetts State Senate and House of Representatives. Critical legislation, ranging from transportation and housing to economic development and environmental protection, passed in the final days of the legislative session.

“Throughout this session, and especially over the past few weeks, the policies passed by the Senate represent our collective commitment to improving the lives of residents across the Commonwealth,” said Senator Joe Boncore (D-Winthrop). “Our path to both health and economic recovery from the COVID-19 will be shaped by these policies; ranging from sealing eviction records and expanding health insurance coverage, to improving our public transit system and supporting local restaurants. As we begin this new legislative session, I will continue to support policies that guarantee equity and justice.”

Boncore, who serves as the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation, led efforts to pass the transportation bond bill; a \$16.5 billion investment to modernize the Commonwealth’s transportation system. In addition to

the wide variety of infrastructure projects, the bond bill addresses equity in public transit by requiring a low-income fare program, modernizes the transportation network fee structure, and decriminalizes fare evasion on MBTA service.

A number of bills to expand housing access and affordability, initially filed by Senator Boncore, passed the Legislature this week. Among these housing policies are:

- The HOMES Act; to create a process for sealing eviction records, protect minors from being named in eviction cases and expunge the names of minors from existing eviction records.
- Legislation to guarantee an elected tenant representative on local housing authority boards.
- Zoning reform to help cities and towns approve smart growth zoning and affordable housing by lowering the required vote threshold for a range of housing-related zoning changes from a two-thirds supermajority to a simple majority.
- Policy to expand housing access by creating new requirements for transit-oriented development and multi-family housing.
- A local option for a tenant’s right of first refusal, by which tenants occupying a residential property may purchase said property

prior to its sale or foreclosure.

On Tuesday, the Legislature also passed a \$627 million economic development bond bill to support housing, climate resiliency, student loan borrowers, minority and women-owned businesses, broadband infrastructure, and provides over \$102 million for local economic development initiatives across the Commonwealth.

The economic development bond bill also includes \$20 million in grants to restaurants impacted by COVID-19, and establishes a 15% cap on third-party delivery fees during the COVID-19 state of emergency and protects delivery drivers from facing rate cuts.

The craft brewers legislation, designed to protect the economic viability of local and emerging craft breweries filed by Senator Boncore, passed the Legislature on Tuesday. The bill supports economic development by allowing craft brewers greater flexibility in ending contracts with distributors.

Healthcare, focused on recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and the health system broadly, has remained a priority for the Legislature this session. The healthcare legislation passed in December requires insurance parity between in-person and telehealth services, addresses out-of-network “sur-

prise” billing, requires insurance coverage of PANS/PANDAS, and updates scope of practice for nurses, optometrists, and pharmacists.

To address climate change, the Legislature passed An Act Creating a Next-Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy. The omnibus bill includes measures to limit statewide greenhouse gas emissions, increase renewable energy sources including wind and solar, address natural gas safety, and create benchmarks for the adoption of electric vehicles and vehicle charging stations.

BOND BILL (from pg. 1)

Although Partners HealthCare acquired Mass Eye and Ear nearly three years ago, Rep. Livingstone said, “We understand they’re still interested in proceeding, and if realized, it would be the largest expansion of the Esplanade in decades.”

The idea of reconfiguring Charles Circle to gain additional parkland had previously been proposed as part of Esplanade 2020 – the Esplanade Association’s long-term plan for enhancing and restoring the park.

“We’re so appreciative to Rep.

The climate change legislation also codifies environmental justice communities and includes unique plans to improve economic, environmental, and public health impacts in these communities.

Additionally, the Legislature supported environmental protection by passing legislation requiring public awareness for sewage pollution in public waters and creating a Massachusetts Healthy Soils Program and Fund to provide expertise in healthy soil practices.

These bills are now before the Governor.

Livingstone and Sen. DiDomenico for something that has been a priority of the Esplanade Association since the ‘Esplanade 2020’ report came out in 2012,” said Michael Nichols, executive director of the Esplanade Association – the non-profit that works in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation to maintain the park. “It will be a transformative improvement to the experience of park visitors from Beacon Hill through the West End on that section of the Esplanade.”

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY				
	Detherage, Michele N	Kovacs, Tiberiu	195 Beacon St #5	\$580,000
	Kenney, Stephen V	Joullian, Edward C	322 Beacon St #6	\$840,000
	340 Beacon LLC	Cance, Mary B	340 Beacon St #1	\$4,000,000
	MJR Investments LLC	Goldberg, Andrew N	300 Boylston St #606	\$2,550,000
	Dent, Timothy	Deware, Brett F	254 Commonwealth Ave #3	\$1,450,000
	Ronald&Ann Cami FT	Crowley Legacy T	63 Commonwealth Ave #2	\$2,275,000
	Hu, Hanzhong	Larson, Jenna	106 Marlborough St #7	\$1,129,045
	Zhen, Jingxin	Sandhir, Bihu G	201 Newbury St #307	\$920,000
	Rantakari, Heikki	Parsons, James N	412 Beacon St #2	\$1,100,000
	Raffi, Edwin	Faucher, Joseph	461 Beacon St #2	\$950,000
BEACON HILL				
	43 Anderson Street LLC	Nancy Macmillan	43 Anderson St #1	\$765,000
	Sullivan, Kevin	Iranmanesh, Nacim	10 Bowdoin St #204	\$393,101
	Doyno, David G	Lawrence, Merloyd	102 Chestnut St	\$2,850,000
	Vanreusel, Stephen W	Burke, Timothy W	65 Mount Vernon St #4	\$1,375,000
	Jonathan Thomas LLC	Alexander, Robert C	70-72 Mount Vernon St #1A27	\$1,827,500
	Austein-Miller, Geoffrey	Marieb, Erica A	193 Saint Botolph St #4	\$1,085,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE				
	Christiana, Joseph	Larsen, Peter H	116 Appleton St	\$3,180,500
	Swerdlick, William N	435 Columbus Ave LLC	435 Columbus Ave #2	\$799,000
	Seave-Greenwald, Diana	Dienstag, Jonathan	222 W Canton St #1	\$2,855,000
	Sehgul, Kartik	Evangelisti, Giorgia	243 W Newton St #5	\$975,000
	McTighe, Stephanie M	Stein, Scott A	511 Columbus Ave #9	\$1,018,000
	Schultz, Jessica G	Goldberg, Amanda B	53 Dwight St #1	\$2,295,000
	40 Fay Owner LLC	Mundys Asia Galleries	40 Fay St #112	\$1,700,000
	Holden-Smith, Damian	Grape, Katherine H	10 Greenwich Park #1	\$710,000
	Schmahmann Realty LLC	Christiana, Joseph	40 Hereford St #6	\$1,525,000
	Sally, Michael G	Carlo, Anthony J	406 Marlborough St #2	\$1,525,000
	Millard, Erin	Pucci, Vincenzo	536 Massachusetts Ave #6	\$852,500
	Seynsche, Bjoern P	Battaglia, Robert B	105 Pembroke St #3	\$1,260,000
	123 Pembroke Dev LLC	Stutzman, Byron W	123 Pembroke St	\$3,456,000
	Brown, Jason M	Mullins, Michael J	11 Union Park #1	\$780,000
	Hornbuckle, Evan	K A Willmore	154 W Canton St	\$4,295,000
	Cameron, Ryan	Bommart, Karen S	6 Wellington St #2	\$1,500,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN				
	Byrnes, Mark J	McTighe, Stephanie M	134 Beach St #2B	\$769,000
	Coffee Breeze LLC	402f Harrison Avenue LLC	40-44 Harrison Ave #2F	\$260,000
	Hudson 99 RT	Pui Leung Wong Inc	14-14A Hudson St	\$3,000,000
	Hudson 99 RT	Pui Leung Wong Inc	16 Hudson St	\$3,000,000
	Roche NT	J C Peterson	20 Rows Wharf #409	\$3,650,000

Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The 1920s corner scene in the last clue is on the Little Building at 120 Boylston Street, which was designed by Clarence H. Blackall and built in 1917. Author Anthony Sammarco wrote that it "... was advertised as a 'City Under One Roof' with offices, stores, shops, a post office, a restaurant, an Automat in the basement, a subway entrance, and corridors to nearby theaters." The next clue is also from a historic photo. 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



Nancy Bush Ellis, sister and aunt of Presidents and former Chestnut Street resident, dies at 94

By Dan Murphy

Nancy Bush Ellis, the sister of President George H.W. Bush and aunt of President George W. Bush, as well as a former Chestnut Street resident for around 25 years, died on Jan. 10. She was 94.

Mrs. Ellis, who succumbed to complications from the coronavirus in an assisted living facility in Concord, broke the party line from her famous Republican lineage by devoting herself to Democratic causes.

But despite her personal political affiliation, Mrs. Ellis also campaigned tirelessly for her brother, George H.W., when he announced he was entering the Republican primary for president in 1979, as well as for her nephew, George W., before he was elected to the White House in November of 2000, and both domestically and in Europe for his successful reelection bid in 2004.

Mrs. Ellis also volunteered extensively with United South End Settlements, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Kodaly Music Institute in Somerville, the Massachusetts

Audubon Society, and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, among other nonprofits.

City Councilor Kenzie Bok said while she didn't know Mrs. Ellis personally, they both attended Trinity Church, and during several services, she spotted Ms. Ellis, who was a "beloved parishioner," sitting among the pews there.

"She was noted for being very kind and having a wicked sense of humor," Councilor Bok said of Mrs. Ellis. "The whole community at the church and on Beacon Hill is going to miss her a lot."

Like Councilor Bok, State Rep. Jay Livingstone had never personally met Mrs. Ellis, but was well aware of what she achieved.

"I never had the pleasure of meeting her, but it's a sad loss," Rep. Livingstone said, "and I appreciate her great involvement in local institutions, like the Boston Symphony Orchestra and United South End Settlements."

Born on Feb. 4, 1926, in Greenwich, Conn., as the middle of five children and the only daughter to Dorothy Walker Bush and Prescott Sheldon Bush, a banker

who served as a U.S. Senator from Connecticut, the future Mrs. Ellis earned an undergraduate degree in English from Vassar College in 1946 and married Alexander Ellis Jr., a decorated World War II combat veteran, that same year.

Mr. Ellis worked as an insurance executive, and the couple settled and raised a family in Concord before relocating to Lincoln. Mrs. Ellis moved to Beacon Hill in 1989 from Lincoln after her husband, succumbed that year to pancreatic cancer. She later lived in Lincoln and also enjoyed spending time on the family's compound in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Mrs. Ellis is survived by her sons Alexander Ellis, John Prescott Ellis and Josiah Wear Ellis, who is president and chief executive of the Denver Broncos; a daughter, Nancy Walker Ellis Black; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Jonathan James Bush.

A service to remember Mrs. Ellis in Lincoln will be announced after restrictions on public gatherings have been eased, according to The Boston Globe.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through Jan. 23

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

VIBRATORY HAMMER NOISE IMPACTS

•A vibratory hammer is being used to install the five cofferdams which will be needed to build the piers of the new bridge. Installation of each cofferdam takes about two weeks.

•The project has positioned a combination of hanging sound blankets and temporary barrier to minimize noise impacts from the vibratory hammer. These measures will be adjusted as needed and appropriate.

•Use of the vibratory hammer began on 10/6. Work hours are during the day (7 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

•Installation and curing of south abutment approach haunch, stripping of north abutment, installation and maintenance of

silt curtain, installation of drilled shafts, and cleaning of demolition site. In addition, sheeting and bracing of cofferdams will continue.

WORK HOURS

•Most work will be done during the daytime (6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

•Prior to 1/10/21, crews continued to demolish the existing bridge. The bridge is fully demolished and work on the cofferdam is 75% complete.

TRAVEL TIPS

Westerly sidewalk, Lovejoy Wharf stairs near Converse are open to the public with the opening of the temporary bridge, the adjacent section of the Harborwalk passing under the bridge remains closed.

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

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CITY PAWS

Dogs ears, did you know...

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Occasionally our dogs will pretend they don't hear us when we ask something of them. Believe us, unless your dog has hearing loss, he hears you and chooses not to respond.

If a human could hear as well as a dog, they would be considered to have a superpower. Dogs hear at least twice as well as we do when it comes to most frequency ranges. When it comes to the high-frequency sounds their ancestors needed to hunt small creatures like mice, humans are not even in the contest.

This explains why your dog can hear your approach from far away. It may be the reason some dogs seem to predict earthquakes. However, it also explains why your dog may react negatively to sounds like thunder, backup beeps, vacuum cleaners, smoke alarms, and other noises that don't bother us to the same degree.

Ears Communicate

If you want to learn to speak dog, you'll have to learn to interpret ear positions. A quick web

search for a "dog ear communications chart" will give you the basics of what the position of a dog's ears might be telling you. Ears that are up may be a sign of a calm, relaxed, and friendly pup. If those ears shift forward, it's a sign that the animal is cautious and alert to something.

Dogs are individuals. You have to learn your own dog's signals. Either forward-leaning ears or those tilted back can also mean the dog is aroused and wants to play or is becoming aggressive. What's more, dogs can move their ears independently so at any moment they may decide to give you mixed signals.

Specialized Ears

In the world of dog shows, every breed has specific requirements for ear size, shape, and how it must be carried. Our Westies' ears should be, "... Small, carried tightly erect, set wide apart, on the top outer edge of the skull. They terminate in a sharp point, and must never be cropped."

Some ear shapes are thought to have been developed through selective breeding for specific pur-

poses. For example, Greyhounds and Pit Bulls both have what is called a "rose ear." That is an ear that is erect at the base and folded slightly back. In the Greyhound, it would have been bred for aerodynamics when running. In the Pit Bull, it's said to have less to grab in a fight.

Scent hounds like Bloodhounds' and Basset Hounds' long, drooping ears are designed to scoop up any trace aroma and direct it to that skillful nose.

Hearing Loss

Many factors such as genetics, disease, injury, or age can be responsible for hearing loss in dogs. It is worthwhile to discuss any change you see with your veterinarian. They can use The Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response (BAER) hearing test to determine the degree of hearing loss. What's more, there are scientists working on hearing aids for dogs. However, they warn that conditioning a dog to wear the devices and interpret the sound will take an immense amount of training.

You can help prevent hearing loss in your dog with a prompt



It is said that long, drooping ears on scent hounds are designed to scoop up any trace aroma and direct it to that skillful nose.

response to any sign of an ear infection and good compliance to the treatment plan prescribed by your vet. You can also prepare for age-related hearing loss by teaching your dog hand signals for each important behavior you create. Finally, since your dog may not have lost hearing in all frequency

ranges, you might be able to call her or get her attention with a high-frequency whistle.

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

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To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by James Macmillan of Charlottesville, VA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: James Macmillan of Charlottesville, VA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/16/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a

written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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Warren endorses Wu for Mayor of Boston

By John Lynds

Following the announcement that Boston Mayor Martin Walsh accepted President-Elect Joe Biden's nomination to serve as Secretary of Labor, City Councilor Michelle Wu announced a crucial endorsement from Sen. Elizabeth Warren in her bid for Mayor of Boston.

Wu was the first candidate to announce she would run for mayor. She was soon followed by fellow Councilor Andrea Campbell. Wu and Campbell made their announcements before Walsh's nomination to Biden's cabinet and the two candidates hoped to unseat the incumbent Walsh in November.

Now that Walsh will head to Washington DC more candidates are lining up to take a shot at the mayoral seat. Once Walsh leaves, Council President Kim Janey will become acting mayor and may become a contender. State Senator Nick Collins from

South Boston; at-large Boston City Councilor Annissa Essabi George; State Rep. Jon Santiago; and Boston Police Commissioner William Gross have all been named as candidates that can possibly make announcements this week."

Launching her campaign early has been tough for Wu. Taking on an incumbent mayor and the ongoing COVID-19 crisis made fundraising for her bid to unseat Walsh a little rocky and the Councilor was not meeting fundraising goals over the summer according to emails her campaign sent to possible donors.

Now that Walsh is leaving, donors may feel a little more comfortable donating to Wu's campaign or the campaigns of other potential candidates.

It remains unclear what impact this or Warren's endorsement of Wu will have on the outcome of what is sure to be a hotly contested mayoral race. Warren finished third in her home state of Mas-

sachusetts during the Presidential Primary during her short-lived bid for President. Once a political powerhouse in Massachusetts and on the national stage, Warren's finish behind President-Elect Joe Biden and Sen. Bernie Sanders during the primary had political pundits wondering if there was a decrease in her political clout.

In her endorsement of Wu, Warren said she feels the young councillor will make a difference in the lives of Boston residents.

"When I first met Michelle as my student at Harvard Law, I knew there was something special about her," said Warren. "What I learned over time is that she is not just a woman full of good ideas and a passionate heart, she is a woman who gets out and does the work that needs to be done to make a difference in people's lives. Michelle has always been a fighter — as one of my students, as a Boston city councilor, and now as a candidate for Mayor. She is a mom, a daughter of immigrants, and she knows first-hand the daily challenges that so many of our families face. I am honored to call Michelle a dear friend and a partner."

Warren said over the past seven years, Wu has carried her life experiences to City Hall as a tireless advocate for women, working families, and communities



The mayoral race in Boston is shaping up. City Councilor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu received an endorsement from Sen. Elizabeth Warren last week.

who feel unseen and unheard.

"As our country and our Commonwealth face tough challenges — a pandemic burning out of control, an economy that is being squeezed to its breaking point, and profound racial injustice that can no longer be denied — Bostonians can count on Michelle's bold, progressive leadership to tackle our biggest challenges, such as recovering from the pandemic, dismantling systemic racism, prioritizing housing justice, revitalizing our transportation infrastructure, and addressing the climate crisis," said Warren. "Boston must be a city of opportunity not just for some of our children, but for all of our children. Michelle will fight for a Boston that our families can afford, fight for our kids, and fight for a system that works for everyone. Michelle understands

the importance of big, structural change and her leadership will keep Boston moving forward. I am so glad to have the opportunity to endorse her for Mayor of Boston.

In response to her endorsement, Wu called Warren a champion of working families in the city.

"Senator Warren is a champion for working families in Boston and around the country, and is a personal hero and friend of mine," said Wu. "As we face some of our toughest challenges as a city—the destruction of the pandemic, an economy that leaves so many behind, and deeply rooted educational inequities and racial injustice— I am profoundly grateful for Senator Warren's partnership and honored to have her support."

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