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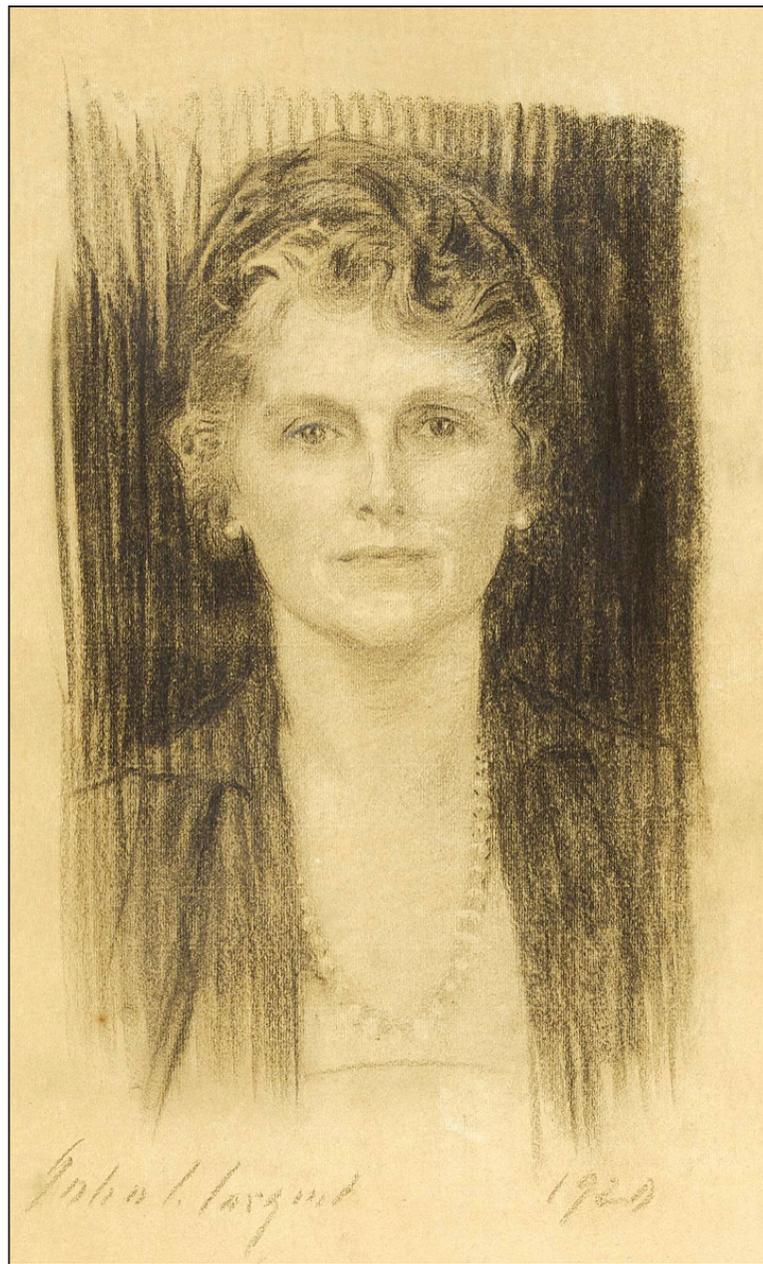
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Remembering Jane Webster during Women's History Month

By Elizabeth B. Eaton

Jane dePeyster Hovey Webster/Mrs. Edwin S. Webster (1870-1969) continued her family's propensity to enrich the community. Her ability to recognize important sites and secure them for use into the future as private and public spaces is apparent as she spearheaded the acquisition, renovation and restoration of 55 Beacon St., Boston, in 1944 to serve as The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Headquarters.

Declared a National Historic Landmark in 1964, the William Hickling Prescott House museum is open to members and the public for meetings, tours, lectures and events enabling people to congregate and enjoy an historic Beacon Hill townhouse. It houses the 7,000-piece Costume Collection and Society archives. Prescott House is named for the noted historian of late Renaissance Spain and the early Spanish Empire who lived at 55 Beacon from 1845-1859. Eminent American architect



(WEBSTER Pg. 3) Portrait of Jane Webster- John Singer Sargent 1920

Outdoor dining to return March 22

By John Lynds

Numerous Beacon Hill restaurants are expected to take advantage of the City of Boston's 2021 outdoor dining program set to begin on March 22. This is an earlier start than the previously-announced date of April 1.

Last year the restaurants that dotted Charles Street received a special permit from the city that allowed them to set up outdoor patios on roadways and sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. The program helped restaurants increase capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic while keeping customers and staff safe.

Last year, Beacon Hill restaurants like Bin 26 Enoteca, Upper

Crust Pizzeria, The Paramount and Figs took part in the city's outdoor dining pilot program.

With the success of last year's program Mayor Martin Walsh said the city will continue many of the successful initiatives from last year's program, such as streamlined permitting. Applications for outdoor dining licenses on both public and private property are now open, and businesses can apply online at the city's website.

"Outdoor dining was one of the bright spots last summer and fall, and we've seen the benefits it has had on our neighborhoods: supporting local businesses, a safe and enjoyable experience for restaurant patrons, and an added resource for Boston's small businesses during

this challenging time," said Mayor Walsh. "I'm thrilled we are able to start this program even earlier, and I look forward to businesses and residents taking advantage of it."

The Mayor said the city has also focused on providing resources to businesses of color, and has made more than 200 personalized outreach calls to every business that applied for outdoor dining last year. The Mayor's Office of Economic Development has met with the Boston Black Hospitality Coalition to ensure added technical assistance is available for businesses to apply. Weekly "Help Sessions" were held from December through January to help business-

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Neighborhood Garden Clubs find new ways to make ends meet

By Dan Murphy

As gardens and greenspace have become more essential than ever before during the pandemic, it's also made fundraising for groups like the Beacon Hill Garden Club and the Garden Club of the Back Bay, which were both forced to cancel in-person events last year, more challenging and subsequently compelled them to find new and creative ways to make ends meet.

The Beacon Hill Garden Club had to cancel the Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Tour, which typically draws around 2,000 visitors to the neighborhood, last year due to the pandemic, but it's returning this year, albeit as a virtual event this time.

Molly Sherden, president of the Beacon Hill Garden Club, said the Hidden Gardens Tour would take place as a virtual event debuting June 30 and feature seven gardens, at least two of which have never been seen before on a previous tour.

The idea was inspired by the virtual tour that the Concord Museum hosted last year, which, Sherden said, proved to be a successful outing for them. So Sherden said she reached out to Jennifer Craig, the museum's development director and "quizzed her about how they pulled it together and did what they did."

Filming for this year's virtual Hidden Gardens Tour will take place in May, Sherden said, so "the gardens are in a state of bloom," and so that the videographer will then be allotted a full month to edit the video before its release.

While Sherden looks forward to the Hidden Gardens Tour returning as in-person event, she said, "We hope this will be the one year where people can see it from anywhere in the world."

Advance tickets for the Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Tour will be available at the Beacon Hill Garden Club's website at beacon-

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Spillane announces candidacy for City Councilor at-Large

By Dan Murphy

A Beacon Hill resident and lifelong Bostonian with firsthand experience at City Hall and a proven commitment to affordable housing, Jon Spillane has announced his candidacy for City Councilor at-Large.

Spillane, a 29-year-old Irving Street resident, has taken a leave of absence from his role as City Councilor Kenzie Bok's Director of Budget and Constituent Services to focus on his campaign. He grew up in Hyde Park as the son of two civil servants – his father was a police officer and his mother the city's deputy commissioner of elderly affairs – so, he said, community organizing and civic engagement, such as taking part in neighborhood cleanups or helping to turn out voters on Election Day, were "part of his family's everyday life," as well as something that has left an "indelible impression" on him.

A graduate of Boston Latin School and Boston College, Spill-



City Council at-Large hopeful Jon Spillane.

ane spent several years working in multi-residential real estate sales and financing, which, he said, made him aware of the city's housing crisis and subsequently compelled him to find employment that would combine his experi-

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EDITORIAL

THE FILIBUSTER MUST END

The pros and cons of maintaining the filibuster in the U.S. Senate have reached the forefront of political discussion as never before -- and with good reason. Whether one believes that the filibuster protects the minority from the so-called tyranny of the majority or provides a means for the minority to obstruct the majority, the filibuster clearly is anti-democratic.

The filibuster is not part of our Constitution. It simply is a Senate rule upon which the Senate has carved out exceptions over the years, most notably for Presidential nominations and budget matters. The latter is referred to as reconciliation, which is how President Biden's \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief bill was enacted by a simple majority, as was the Republicans' \$2 trillion tax cut for the ultra-rich in 2017.

The rule allowing a filibuster may have made sense in the early 1800s when the U.S. was not divided between two parties. Political coalitions were much more fluid in the early days of our nation and compromise was common among senators.

However, after the Civil War, the battle lines were drawn between Democrats and the newly-formed Republican party (which only had come into existence in 1854), principally on the issue of race -- with the Democrats from the Solid South coalescing around the issue of segregation.

The so-called Dixiecrats -- embodied by Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina -- used the filibuster from the 1940s through the 1960s in an attempt to stymie Civil Rights legislation, especially the Voting Rights Act.

Though the racist efforts of Thurmond and others ultimately failed (only because the Senate obtained a 2/3 majority to end filibusters on those issues), the filibuster likely will be employed by Senate Republicans to obstruct voting reform measures that are necessary today.

The national Republican playbook to limit voting among non-white citizens once again is surging. Republican state legislators have filed more than 200 bills that would restrict voting in the coming elections in their states.

The very foundation of our democracy rests on the right of every citizen to vote. Legislation presently before Congress would ensure that voting rights are not abridged in any state. However, thanks to the arcane filibuster rule, the passage of a new Voting Rights Act faces little chance of success in the Senate.

The truth is this: The anti-democratic state efforts to limit voting rights most likely will be allowed to proceed because of the anti-democratic filibuster rule in the U.S. Senate -- and unless the Democratic majority in the Senate takes steps to abolish the filibuster rule, the United States will have a democracy in name only.

MARVELOUS MARVIN WAS A GREAT FIGHTER AND A GREAT PERSON

The boxing world lost one of its all-time greats with the sudden passing of Marvelous Marvin Hagler this past week.

Hagler, a native of Newark who moved to Brockton as a teenager, reigned as the undisputed middleweight boxing champion of the world for seven years in the 1980s and is acknowledged as one of the greatest fighters of all time. His bout with Thomas Hearns, which lasted about eight minutes, is regarded as the greatest three rounds in boxing history.

We were fortunate to see one of Hagler's title fights when we covered his title defense for The Chelsea Record against Vito "The Mosquito" Antuofermo in the old Boston Garden in June, 1981 (we were stunned when we realized how long ago that fight was!).

We also had the pleasure of running into the champ after he had retired in an elevator in Boston at One Devonshire Place in the late 1980s. We only exchanged pleasantries, but Hagler's innate humility, graciousness, and sense of humor were apparent in our brief encounter.

Marvelous Marvin Hagler overcame his hard-scrabble background with an unparalleled sense of determination and hard work to become a world champion. His attainment of the pinnacle of his profession serves as a model for success in life in any endeavor.

Marvelous Marvin Hagler was a great fighter and a great person. He will be missed.



IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT SPRING IS HERE, MARCH 20

GUEST OP-ED

March Madness – Would you like to coach?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Have you ever thought changing jobs? Have you ever aspired to be a college basketball coach? Now is a great time to get your resume together.

John Calipari is the University of Kentucky men's basketball coach. His pay this year is over \$8 million. He has a lifetime contract worth 86 million dollars. In the eyes of the basketball world the UK basketball coaching job has been one of the most desired jobs in college sports. However, big pay doesn't come easy Calipari has led Kentucky to one NCAA Championship, four final fours and he has had 26 twenty-win game seasons throughout his career. Although this year his 9 wins and 16 losses hasn't gone over too well with many of Kentucky's fans

While Calipari is the highest paid college basketball coach there are others who do very well. Mike Krzyzewski of Duke will earn \$7 million this season. Jay Wright of Villanova will earn \$6 million. Chris Beard of Texas Tech is scheduled to earn \$5,050,000. Rick Barnes of Tennessee will earn \$4,950,000. Roy Williams of North Carolina will earn up to \$4 million. Tom Izzo of Mich-

igan State will earn \$3,984,000. And, the list goes on. Chris Mack, Louisville, \$4 million. Brad Underwood, Illinois, \$4 million. Larry Krystkowiak, Utah, \$3,961,519. Bob Huggins, West Virginia \$4,050,000. UCLA coach Mike Cronin \$3,600,000. Scott Drew of Baylor \$3,350,000. There are 50-60 college coaches making \$2 million a year but it does drop for many others. Kyle Smith of Washington State makes \$1.4 million. Steve Alford for Nevada is making \$500,000. Johnny Jones of Texas Southern will be paid \$250,000.

Rick Pitino who came back

from coaching professional basketball in Greece will earn just over \$1 million dollars at Iona. This is a far cry from the \$70 million-dollar contract he had with the Boston Celtics. His package had also reached over \$5 million per year before he left Louisville.

The list of coaches is too long to name them all with many more making between \$1 million to over \$2 million per year. There are many, many coaches making much smaller salaries.

The point is if you are looking

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LETTER to the Editor

OPEN LETTER OPPOSING PROPOSED CHARLES STREET SMOKE SHOP

To the Editor:

Today I am writing to you as a concerned resident and parent regarding smoke shops and the lack of current zoning to protect children from becoming the target of the tobacco industry.

Will you support buffer zoning in the city of Boston to restrict a smoke shop from operating within 1,000 feet from a school or place where children congregate. (Measured via a straight line from the front door of the proposed site to any point on the lot of the School or site where children congregate)?

I realize this proposed buffer zone is greater than the current 500-foot buffer zone for a marijuana dispensary. I believe both types of retail should have the 1,000-foot buffer zone.

The primary reason for this buffer zone is to protect the health of our youth by reducing the accessibility of tobacco and vape products. In addition, this zoning would reduce the visibility of target marketing to our youth via window displays and signage.

The State of Massachusetts has documented the alarming facts around the vaping/tobacco industry. The facts below are cited on the Ma.gov website and in a 2019 study cited in the Journal of American medical Association Pediatrics.

Facts:

* vaping is addictive and Nicotine can harm your brain, including your memory and ability to learn

* 51.2 % of high school students have tried vaping

* 32% currently vape

* 15% of middle school children have tried vaping

* The tobacco and vaping industries target young people so you'll become lifetime users addicted to their products. Cigarette makers own and invest in vape companies.

*The vaping industry makes their products taste like fruit or candy so you will want to try them

*If you vape, you are four times more likely to smoke cigarettes

* 49.8% of tobacco/vape stores failed to ask for IDs of minors who tried to purchase vape

*44.7% of tobacco/vape stores sold vape products to minors

As you're all aware, a smoke shop has signed a long-term lease for 138 Charles St. in Beacon Hill. While I understand this particular shop is completely legal, we should act now so that future stores of this nature go through a zoning process.

If proper buffer zoning had been in place, this location would not be feasible. It is on a direct path of hundreds of children each week who use the Esplanade for their playing fields. There is no school with fields on Beacon Hill so we depend on those fields as a school would depend on their onsite campus fields. It is important to note that The Advent school has a location less than 500 feet away (direct line measurement) at 99 West Cedar. In addition, there is an ice cream store three doors away from 138 Charles St., where children congregate on most sunny days.

I urge you to take the steps necessary to ensure that the proper zoning is put in place to protect our children from the harmful effects of vaping/tobacco use.

Thank you,

Diana Coldren

WEBSTER (from pg. 1)

Asher Benjamin designed the Double Bow-front Boston Federal-style townhouse in 1808.

Jane Webster became President of the NSCDA MA in 1942. The History of the Massachusetts Society of The Colonial Dames of America 1893-1993 states: "President Mrs. Edwin Sibley Webster was "so indispensable" that the Society unanimously voted for her to remain in office for a fifth year (1946-1947), one more than specified in the By-Laws. When she did retire she became Headquarters House Chairman." In 1949 she was placed on the National Roll of Honor of the Colonial Dames. Nationally, she served as Sulgrave Manor Board Representative, 1952-1958. Opening her homes to support the Dames and the community was important to her. During WWII the music room of her Dartmouth Street home was used for the Dames' war efforts.

Her Chestnut Street home was the site of many important events including the celebratory 50th Anniversary dinner for the Dames.

Jane Webster also loved flowers and gardens. The renowned Webster Rose Garden at her summer home in Quissett was open to the public for almost 40 years. An article in the Woods Hole Historical Museum's Sprintsail, 2017 vol. 31.1, notes "It is said Mrs. Webster delighted in roaming the gardens, incognito, to assure herself of the pleasure they afforded her "guests." Very seldom was there a charge. Once, in 1932, Mrs. Webster joined with three other local gardeners to open their gardens to the public for a fee - \$1 to benefit the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children." At age 95, she won The Antoine Leuthy Prize at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's 1965 Spring Show for her group of orchid plants noted in

the MHS 1967 Year Book as "... the best display of flowering and foliage plants in the Spring Show."

Jane's family has a history of inspiration and involvement. Her grandfather, Charles Fox Hovey, was an abolitionist and supported the first National Woman's Rights Convention in 1850. Her great-granddaughter noted her competence, thoughtfulness, caring and humor. With her husband, Edwin, who was President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for 13 years, Trustee for the Massachusetts General Hospital and Trustee of the Museum of Fine Arts, Jane benefited her community and their Edwin S. Webster Foundation continues to inspire through five generations.

William Hickling Prescott House is closed due to COVID 19 restrictions. Please check its website at nscdama.org or Facebook page for updated information.

GARDEN CLUB (from pg. 1)

hillgardenclub.org for \$25 each, or you can buy a ticket and one of the Garden Club's books for \$45, which, Sherden said, is quite a bargain since a book alone retails for \$35.

The Garden Club of the Back Bay's biggest annual event, the Twilight Gala Garden Party, has been cancelled both this and last year due to the pandemic, so the group has launched an annual appeal to help it raise the approximately \$20,000 it spends each year to prune and care for city-owned

sidewalk trees.

"This year, we knew we couldn't have an in-person event," said Catherine Borden, co-president of the Garden Club of the Back Bay, "so we decided to do an annual appeal, although we want to go back to in-person fundraising again at some point."

Despite the Twilight Gala Garden Party's cancellation last year, it was still lucrative for the Garden Club of the Back Bay, thanks to the generosity of some supporters.

"We were well into planning

for our annual fundraiser last year when the whole world shut down," Borden said, "and when it was cancelled, many of sponsors and guests converted their sponsorships and ticket purchases into donations, which we very much appreciated."

To donate to the Garden Club of the Back Bay's annual appeal to support its tree care efforts, click on gardenclubbackbay.us15.list-manage.com.



Virtual Public Meeting

Amend Article 32 Groundwater Zoning

Monday, March 29
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3rsZaNZ
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 812 6907

Project Proponent:

Boston Planning and Development Agency

Project Description:

This public meeting is to present proposed amendments to Article 32 Groundwater Conservation Overlay District of the zoning code and receive comments in order to extend protection to groundwater levels in areas of the city with older buildings on wooden piles built on filled land. This includes parts of East Boston, downtown waterfront, Roxbury/South End, South Boston and Audubon Circle.

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Close of Comment Period:
4/9/2021

OP-ED (from pg. 2)

for a career change you might consider college basketball coaching. Brad Stevens wanted to be a coach. He went to Butler in Indiana to be a volunteer in the Bulldog's program. He became the assistant coach and then a very successful head coach. Butler moved him from free to over \$1 million per year by the time he left. Today he now makes over \$3.6 million per year as the head coach of the Boston Celtics. Not bad for starting out as a volunteer. So, find a job waiting tables to feed yourself.

Volunteer for a good basketball program. Work very hard. Earn yourself an assistant's job and you might end up coaching a great basketball program and making several million a year.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

Ruthzee Louijeune launches campaign for Boston City Council at-Large

Ruthzee Louijeune, an attorney and advocate, has launched her campaign for Boston City Council.

"Today, I am announcing my candidacy for Boston City Council At-Large," Ruthzee Louijeune said. "I have the experience and conviction needed to lead this city forward. We must do more to care for our residents, our children, and our businesses, and we must do so with urgency. As an attorney and advocate, I've focused on issues and campaigns that center working people and Black and Latinx communities. I'm running for all of us, and this campaign will need all of us, together, to create an equitable Boston. We can achieve

this vision: a city where all feel welcome, a city that is more prosperous, a city that is more just, a city where all are valued and treated with dignity."

Ruthzee brings seven years' experience working on political and advocacy campaigns, fighting for working people and Black and Latinx communities on issues of housing, education access, and civic participation. Most recently, Ruthzee started her own legal and advocacy business, The Opening PLLC. Previously, Ruthzee served as Senior Counsel for U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign. Prior to that, she was a lawyer at Perkins Coie LLP.

Since the pandemic hit, Ruthzee has been working with the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA) to expand homeownership opportunities in the city for first-generation homebuyers, particularly Black and Brown residents. She has also been volunteering with the Guild Works in Dorchester, delivering food and supplies to Boston residents quarantining with COVID-19 or struggling with food insecurity.

"Ruthzee will be a great addition to the Boston City Council. Ruthzee's background of advocacy will make her a solid decision maker and City Councilor for the people. Ruthzee will be a leader

who matches great negotiation skills needed for systems change with great constituent services, and that is what I look for in my City Councilor," said Marie St. Fleur, Former State Representative. Fleur spent 11 years in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and was the first Haitian-American elected to state office in the United States. "Ruthzee's candidacy is historic for the Haitian-American community. If elected, Ruthzee would break barriers."

Ruthzee, 34, is the daughter of Haitian immigrants, born and raised in Mattapan and Hyde Park. She is a trained attorney and advocate. She graduated from

Columbia University, Harvard Kennedy School, and Harvard Law School. She is also a proud graduate of Boston Public Schools: Charles H. Taylor Elementary School, the John W. McCormack Middle School, and Boston Latin School. She resides in Hyde Park and is fluent in French, Haitian Creole and speaks conversational Spanish.

Ruthzee would be the first Haitian-American City Councilor. In 2019, the Boston City Council elected its first majority-female city council in Boston's history.

DINING (from pg. 1)

as navigate the pilot process. The City of Boston is also planning to host additional office hours and workshops to help businesses with their applications as needed.

The 2021 Outdoor Dining Pilot Program season for approved restaurants will begin on March 22, 2021, and will end on December 1, 2021, weather permitting. Restaurants that took part in the 2020 temporary outdoor dining program and who wish to do so in 2021 must re-apply, and the City will also be accepting applications from restaurants that did not take part in the 2020 temporary outdoor dining program.



Outdoor dining last season at Bin 26 Enoteca on Charles Street. Outdoor dining will resume in Boston on March 22.

Additional information on outdoor dining, and applications for businesses, is available on boston.gov.



Virtual Public Meeting

Amend Accessory Parking Zoning

Wednesday, March 31
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3kUXdqQ
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 611 0558

Project Proponent:

Boston Planning and Development Agency

Project Description:

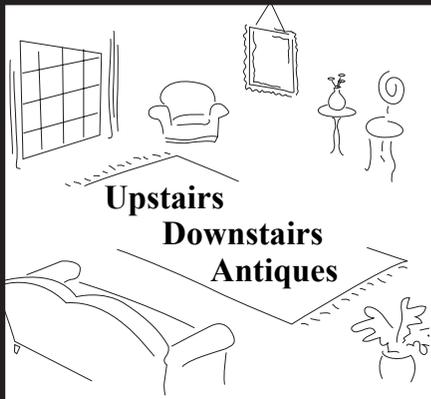
This is a public meeting to present proposed zoning changes that would make Accessory Parking a Conditional Use in neighborhood business subdistricts. Currently it is an Allowed Use in basements and first floors where there is an Allowed Use on the upper floors, such as residential. This condition creates a blank street wall with no active first floor use and runs counter to planning goals for neighborhood subdistricts. By making Accessory Parking Conditional, requiring a Conditional use permit, it provides and opportunity for community input and design review. See 3/31/21 on the BPDA Calendar for more info.

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Rep. Livingstone and Councilor Bok to co-host meeting on proposed Charles Street smoke shop

By Dan Murphy

Rep. Jay Livingstone and City Councilor Kenzie Bok will co-host a virtual meeting to discuss a proposed smoke shop that has signed a 10-year lease to occupy the ground-level storefront at 138 Charles St. on Monday, March 22, at 5 p.m.

Bluemoon Smoke Shop, which has about a dozen other locations around Greater Boston, has entered into a lease for the retail space that was previously home to Danish Country & Modern, which took effect this month and lasts through March of 2031, said Malik Hayat, who identified himself as one of the company's owners. But Bluemoon won't open there for "another two or three months," Hayat added, as the space is currently being renovated.

The store will only sell smoking and vaping accessories, said Hayat, who added that Bluemoon has no stake in the cannabis industry, either medical or recreational, anywhere in the U.S., nor do they have any plans to sell cannabis on Charles Street or at any of their locations in the future.

"It will be a very quiet and clean addition to the neighborhood," Hayat said of the Charles Street

location. "We're going to keep it upscale, and no one is going to be bothered because of us."

The store's proposed hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week, said Hayat, and would be staffed by an on-site manager and one other employee.

"A very limited number of people will be able to come into the store at a time," said Hayat, who added that Bluemoon also maintains a strict policy of only allowing people of legal age to enter its establishments.

But despite Hayat's assurances, Rep. Livingstone, like many of his constituents, remains wary of the proposed operation.

"I heard from constituents who were extremely concerned about the enterprise on Charles Street, particularly since it's in close proximity to a school and residences with families," Rep. Livingstone said. "I'm disappointed by the lack of outreach by the owners to the community. I'm holding a hearing with Councilor Bok so we could hear what others were thinking in the community and brainstorm, if people are as strongly opposed to it as I think they are, to see if there's any way to stop this from proceeding."

The current conundrum is

somewhat reminiscent of what transpired in 2012, said Rep. Livingstone, when Capitol One announced its plans to open a new bank branch on Charles Street, and which eventually paved the way for himself and former District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim to create an overlay district for conditional uses.

"The overlay district might need to be updated now," he added.

Councilor Bok wrote: "We've heard a lot of concern from residents and parents with children at the nearby schools, which is why Jay and I are hosting our Monday meeting. There is evidence that smoking rates stopped declining during the pandemic for the first time in decades, so I think we need to be very careful not to lose ground in the public health fight against tobacco. I also think this situation really underscores the need for our whole community — neighbors, elected officials, commercial property owners, and the Beacon Hill Civic and Business Associations — to come together to actively pursue businesses to fill the vacancies on Charles and Cambridge Streets, so that our local shopping district can come back as strong as possible and still serve the needs of the neighborhood."



The future home of Bluemoon Smoke Shop at 138 Charles St.

To attend the March 22 meeting on Blue Moon Smoke Shop's proposed 138 Charles St. location, contact Sarah Mills in Rep. Liv-

ingstone's office at sarah.mills@mahouse.gov, or Kennedy Avery in Councilor Bok's office at Kennedy.Avery@boston.gov.

SPILLANE (from pg. 1)

ence in the private sector with his lifelong commitment to public service.

"After a couple of years in the private sector, I started taking account of what direction my life was going," Spillane said. "My parents were both civil servants so I had an inclination towards the public sector and being publically engaged."

In September of 2017, Spillane joined the city's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) as part of a team, he said, that "leveraged city resources — NHT grants, HUD funding, city-owned parcels, and inclusionary zoning requirements" — to build more than 1,000 affordable housing units citywide.

In January of 2020, Kenzie Bok began her first term as District 8 City Councilor, and Spillane became the Director of Budget and Constituent Services for her office.

"I saw it as an opportunity to contribute and participate in the policy-making process that impacts the city on a wide scale

and also as an excellent opportunity to get experience at City Hall and practically apply a lot of the things I learned at DND," said Spillane, who had previously known Councilor Bok through community engagement and local politics.

In his new role, Spillane has had regular contact with the city's Office of Housing Stability on Court Street, which is part of DND and located just a few floors away from where he previously worked, so he was already well acquainted with the staff there.

"I can't say enough good things about the Office of Housing Stability and the amazing job they've done," Spillane said.

Meanwhile, Spillane "helped manage one of the toughest city budgets in recent memory," he said, as Director of Budget for Councilor Bok, who serves as Chair of Ways and Means. He also said he has "contributed to new policy discussions that resulted in new ordinances."

Moreover, Spillane has

worked as an advocate for Bostonians affected by COVID-19 by helping tenants access rent relief and by connecting struggling small businesses with the city's Office of Economic Development.

Outside of work, Spillane previously served on Mayor Martin Walsh's Spark Boston Council, which partners with City Hall to represent and advocate for young Bostonians, ages 20 to 34. He is currently a member of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee, as well as a founder and current Young Professional Board Member of the Genesis Foundation for Children, a nonprofit that helps children with rare diseases and rare genetic disorders.

With his campaign now underway, Spillane said affordable housing is one of the biggest issues now facing the city, and in the spring, he said he would soon release his plan for policy ideas that can be implemented at the local level.

"I'm utilizing things I learned through my work at DND and at City Hall," he said of the plan.

Spillane also describes his knowledge of constituent services, such as being able to connect someone seeking assistance at the with the appropriate city department as he has done throughout his time in Councilor Bok's office, as being "vitaly important" to the role of City Councilor.

"We need someone at City Hall who understands budgeting and has a background in finance," Spillane added, "and can advocate for countercyclical fiscal policy" — an approach that increases capital spending and the debt level during an economic downturn.

As City Councilor at-Large, Spillane would also advocate for small businesses, he said, and seek to improve the sometimes-strained communication between small businesses and city and state government.

"One thing I heard from a lot of small business during the peak of COVID was the lack of communication on getting information from the state-level down," he said.

"Having a councilor who saw

their frustration firsthand and can use their office as a microphone [could promote] transparency."

Another asset that Spillane would bring to the role of City Councilor at-Large is his legal background.

He attended Suffolk University's Evening Program while working at the DND and Councilor Bok, graduating in May of 2020, and as he looks forward to seeking Bar Admission this spring, Spillane said he has been inspired by City Councilor Lydia Edwards, who, as an attorney, he said, "has been able to do some amazing things at City Hall."

And for Spillane, that's something to aspire to.

To learn more about Jon Spillane's campaign for City Councilor at-Large, visit <http://jonforboston.com>, or follow him on

Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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BHAC subcommittee convenes on 83 Mount Vernon St.

By Dan Murphy

A Beacon Hill Architectural Commission subcommittee on 83 Mount Vernon St. met virtually on Wednesday, March 10.

The subcommittee comprising Commissioners Matthew Blumenthal, Alice Richmond and Miguel Rosales was convened during the Feb. 18 Architectural Commission meeting to review an application for 83 Mount Vernon St. - the William Ellery Channing House, which was built in 1835 by American architect Asher Benjamin.

Developer Mark Beaulieu and

architect David Freed had proposed extensive work at the rear elevation, including constructing a new fifth-floor dormer; a new roofdeck on the pitch of the roof; a staircase to access a "viewing deck"; and two new windows.

On a motion made by Commissioner Rosales, the subcommittee voted to approve the dormer modification, as well as a 12-by-10 feet roofdeck (which was reduced from the requested 12-by-12-foot structure to minimize visibility) while denying the two new windows and the staircase to the top

roof platform, which were deemed "inappropriate" and visible from a public way.

At the front of the property, the applicant agreed to remove its request to install new window shutters, since, after reviewing historic photographs, it was determined that the shutter dogs weren't likely original to the building.

The applicant will have to return to the Commission to show appropriate window replacements fabricated in wood with true divided muntins, as well as a scaled-down entry light fixture.

Other elements of the application were approved as proposed including replacing a bow-roof in kind; repointing the brick façades, which are visible from public ways; repairing and repainting the front door and side lights; resetting the walkway pavers; and repainting of garden fence along Mount Vernon Street.



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MORE STUDENTS RETURN TO IN-PERSON SCHOOL



Eliot K-8 Principal Traci Walker Griffith gives the thumbs up at the Eliot's Commercial Street campus on a very cold Monday morning, along with students Laura Meli, Madelyne Litofsky and Alice Chung. Students in grades 4-8 who felt comfortable returning hit the campus for in-person learning on Monday all across the City. It was the first time students of that age had been in the building since March 2020. The Eliot School was the first to close in Boston after a parent had gotten COVID-19 at the Biogen conference.



Head of School Kiki Moschella.



Emma Hudson and Ella Zaccarias headed to 5th grade.

Upstairs Downstairs Home fully open and celebrating its 29th anniversary

Upstairs Downstairs Home, actually named for the PBS television series “Upstairs Downstairs” in 1992, will be celebrating its 29th anniversary this year.

That’s remarkable by any standard, but having survived the pandemic, crippling lockdowns and the unrelenting and ever-changing restrictions makes it even more so. Add to that a complete move to a new location to 69 Charles St. (the site of the old Red Wagon store) and all that entails.

Since January, owner Laura Cousineau, and an army of talented contractors have been working around the clock to redo, redecorate and reimagine the new space. Fifty-two gallons of primer and paint have been expertly applied to walls, floors and ceilings. Even a Carrier UV light was installed into the air system for cleaner air. Crew after crew of painters, electricians, plumbers, carpenters and cabinet makers worked tirelessly to transform the store into a real thing of beauty. Their expertise and pride in their work has produced an amazing backdrop for Laura to utilize her years in design to create eye-catching vignettes of home styling for all tastes.

Most importantly, Laura has always maintained the original owner’s concept of offering affordable antiques and furnishing for all who enter.

All this, of course, is wonderful news for Beacon Hill, but also caught the interest of WCVB-TV and the Channel 5 News Team who came to interview Laura a couple of weeks ago. You can watch that interview on the



A look inside at Upstairs Downstairs Home.

Upstairs Downstairs website at <http://www.upstairsdownstairs-boston.com>.

The new location and increased space (Upstairs AND Downstairs) has opened new ways to accommodate the many new home furnishings both old and new; decorative objects; china; stemware; silver; and exquisite local artwork, with new additions in home decor. They are spending a lot of time to arrange items in warm, welcoming and creative settings to make customers and visitors feel at home.

In addition, they’re always updating and reinventing their social media, where you can find special deals and fun interactive activities like “Guess if the Price is Right,” where you can win a prize. In-store fun for customers is always a priority and delight, like the Advent Calendar promotion and the free giveaways last Christmas. This spring, look for “You’re



Josh Brogadir of WCVB-TV Channel 5 and Laura Cousineau, owner of Upstairs Downstairs Home.

a Good Egg” promotion around Easter time!!

“It has been quite a journey for us,” says Laura. “Last spring, we were down 95 percent and closed for three months and we have worked hard, borrowed from ourselves and fought to remain in business. We are forever grateful for our loyal and kind customers and a dedicated staff that we have been able to overcome so many obstacles and still be here. Now that we are fully open we look forward to seeing everyone and being able to thank everyone in person. Our friendly crew will be on hand to greet you and will look forward to answering your questions and learning more about you and what in the future you may have been searching for to furnish your



Upstairs Downstairs Home at 69 Charles St.

homes or perhaps finding that perfect gift for friends or relatives.”

For three decades, Upstairs Downstairs Home has been an important fixture in the Beacon Hill Neighborhood, not only providing wonderful merchandise, but giving back supporting many local charities. As WCVB reporter Josh Brogadir mentioned in his piece, Upstairs Downstairs Home “is proof that sometimes what is old can be new again.”

Store hours will be from 10:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through

Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

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BEACON HILL ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing

The Beacon Hill Architectural Commission will hold a public hearing on March 18, starting at 5 p.m.

(ZOOM: [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/88552386767](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88552386767))

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

are available upon request.

Attention: This hearing will only be held virtually and NOT in person. You can participate in this hearing by going to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88552386767> or calling 1 (929) 205-6099 and entering meeting id # 885 5238 6767. You can also submit written comments or questions to BeaconHillAC@boston.gov.

I. Design Review Hearing
APP # 21.0682 BH 27 Brimmer Street (Continued From 2-18-2021 Hearing)

Applicant: Peter White
Proposed Work: Replace roof deck, remove and rebuild head house in a new location, new guardrails, and new skylight.

APP # 21.0722 BH 55 Chestnut Street

Applicant: John Rogers; Sagamore Select Finishes Group

Proposed Work: At front façade, roof level install eight galvanized steel snow guards.

APP # 21.0723 BH 32 Derne Street

Applicant: Laura Feddersen
Proposed Work: New Pergola, New Fence, New Planters.

APP # 21.0727 BH 83 Charles Street

Applicant: Gillian Rozynek
Proposed Work: New Signage, Remove awning at front façade.

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

Applicants whose projects are listed under this heading NEED

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

Please Note That Following Issuance Of The Determination Sheet No Further Correspondence Will Be Issued For The Applications Listed Below. The electronic building-permit application as annotated by commission staff will constitute your Certificate of Appropriateness; this will be valid for one year from the date of the hearing. The applicant is

required to notify the commission of any project changes; failure to do so may affect the status of the approval.

If you have any questions not addressed by the above information, please contact staff at 617.635.3850 or BeaconHillAC@boston.gov Thank you.

APP # 21.0724 BH 69 Charles Street: Repaint storefront trim in kind BM (Black) HC-180.

APP # 21.0725 BH 10 Otis Place: At rear façade, facing Storrow Drive, level 2, replace nine, 6 over 6, wood window sash sets and two, 8 over 8, wood window sash sets with nine, 6 over 6, wood window sash sets and two, 8 over 8, wood window sash sets. Existing windows are not historic.

APP # 21.0726 BH 133 Mount Vernon Street: Repoint rear façade in kind.

III. Ratification Of 2/18/2021 Public Hearing Minutes

IV. Staff Updates

V. Projected Adjournment: 6 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

IMAGINE VAN GOGH COMING DEC. 21 TO SOWA POWER STATION.

"Imagine Van Gogh," more than 200 of the Dutch artist's paintings, is making its debut in Boston on Dec. 21 at the SoWa Power Station.

The exhibition is a contactless experience spanning over 24,000 square feet, with a limited number of guests allowed in on a timed-entry basis, and it will adhere to all safety guidelines established by the Commonwealth.

Tickets start at \$33.99 (plus service charges and fees) and are on sale now. For more information, visit www.imagine-vangogh.com.

HILL HOUSE 2021 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Hill House, Inc. located at 127 Mount Vernon S., has officially opened up Summer Camp registration for 2021 campers.

Now in its 22nd year, Hill House Camps (Kiddie Kamp for

3-5 year olds and Day Camp for 5- to 12-year-olds) feature: weekly Day Camp field trips; Kiddie Kamp onsite adventures; expanded enrichment opportunities; sailing, theatre, sports and film camp options; weekly themes; extended day options for Day Campers; and expanded LIT program for 13- to 15-year-olds.

Visit Hill House's Summer Camp website (www.hillhouse-boston.org/Camps.htm) to learn more about all the fun. For more information on registering, contact Chelsea Evered at 617-227-5838 or cevered@hillhouseboston.org.

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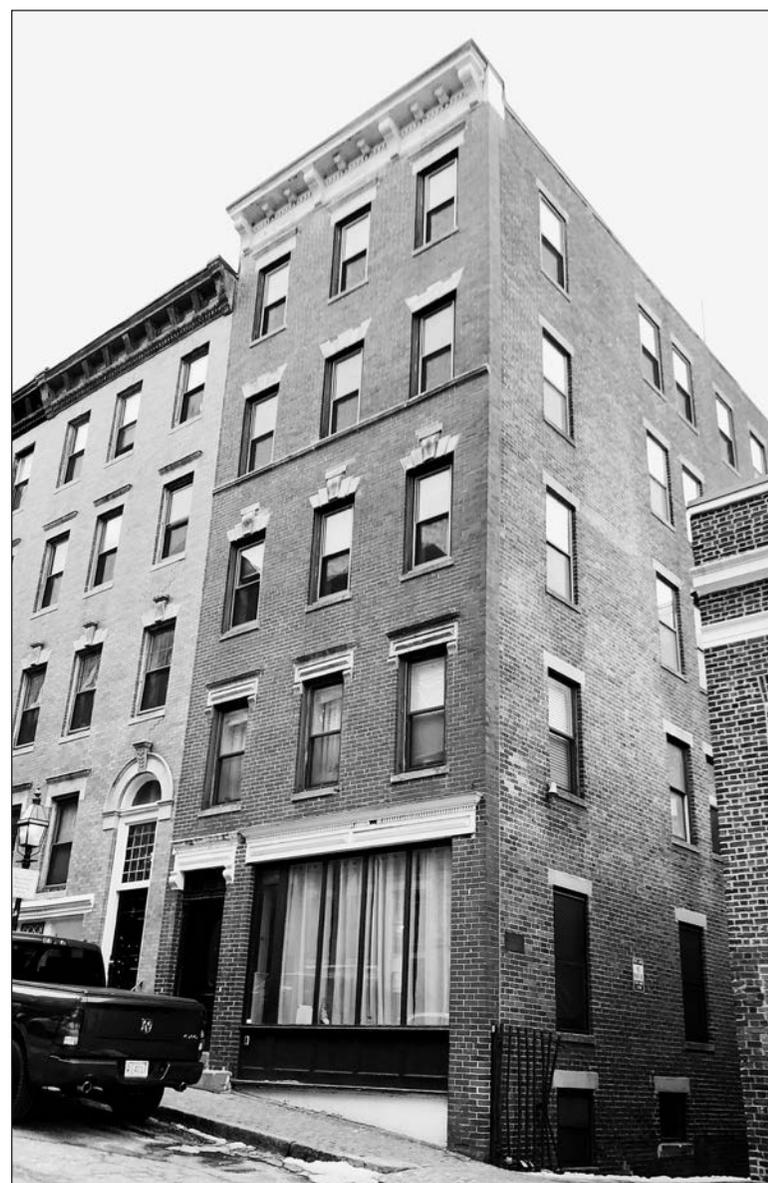
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Crowley, Kathleen	KPT T	75 Clarendon St #609	\$1,550,000
Rippey, Anne E	Castle, Ashley S	144 Commonwealth Ave #10	\$530,000
Blumenthal, Chintana	Essner, Benjamin	43 Commonwealth Ave #1	\$1,500,000
Oconnor, Susan M	Mcdonough Comm Avenue	63 Commonwealth Ave #3	\$2,350,000
Slocum, Joshua E	Charles W Bishop RET	265-275 Dartmouth St #1E	\$565,000
RDB Clarendon St LLC	46 Clarendon Street LLC	46 Clarendon St #1	\$2,550,000
BEACON HILL			
Dawson, Matthew J	Mclaughlin, Medeith	90 Beacon St #1	\$470,000
Gagnashvili, Veriko	Blum, Betty L	82 Chestnut St #21	\$490,000
Li, Xinwei	Carter, William L	37 Grove St #4	\$660,000
Yang, Xiaowen	Rice, William P	60 Myrtle St #6	\$565,000
J&J Real Estate Inc	Thompson, Judi	110 Riverway #5	\$505,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Midwood Capital Prop LLC	Rudnick, Robert L	5 Appleton St #1A	\$933,000
Leahy, Jacquelyn	Weatherly, Jimin V	15 Garrison St #2	\$460,000
Ferreira-Bassit, Rodrigo	Darula, Matthew D	12 Isabella St #1	\$1,050,000
King LT	Hoyt, Alan J	38-40 Saint Botolph St #B2	\$623,000
1st Boston Capital Inc	Yu, Tianyi	188 Brookline Ave #24G	\$999,000
Emery, Mark P	Balough, Matthew	15 Concord Sq #1A	\$485,000
Wang, Bo	Hazelton, Bryan C	534 Massachusetts Ave #4	\$840,000
Jaspont LLC	Grappo, Michael	61 Park Dr #C	\$90,650
Goodrich, Cynthia L	Wood, Taylor	324 Shawmut Ave #2	\$683,000
7 Up LLC	Wilson, William F	7 Union Park	\$6,150,000
J N Spinney Jr 2007	Evan Hornbuckle RET	196 W Brookline St #2	\$3,350,000
Nilsson, Ola F	154 West Concord LLC	154 W Concord St #3A	\$390,000
Stanton, Alexandra V	Litt, Jonathan S	88 Waltham St #5	\$845,000
Cullen, Stephen	Dobbins, Martin F	1 Wellington St #3	\$815,000
Hazelton, Bryan C	Kahn, David	9-11 Worcester Sq #6	\$1,900,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Carol A Hodges 2004 RET	Zandparsa, Roya	2 Avery St #26G	\$1,550,000
J P Rosenfield 1995 T	Rappaport, James W	50 Battery St #308	\$2,725,000
Clements, Dina	Lanza RT	357 Commercial St #210	\$933,333
Pelzek, Ashley	Doran, Jean M	480 Commercial St #4B	\$530,000
Nawana, Namal	Osoul Hldg De 3 Inc	1 Franklin St #3704	\$3,300,000
Szymborski, Zdzislaw J	Peter J Stone IRT	449-463 Washington St #3A	\$1,075,000

Attention to Detail

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The window pediment in the last clue is on 5 Grove Street constructed in 1911 by Silverman Engineering Company as a nine-family tenement. The wide display window is evidence of a store at this location until the legal occupancy was appealed and changed in 1986.

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



Recycle your pantry

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Some of us are coming up on a full year of self-isolation, grocery deliveries, and stocking up in case of shortages. Perhaps, like us, you purchased items you wouldn't usually have on hand. In our case, it was an adequate supply of canned protein like salmon, tuna, and chicken. We also have reserves of shelf-stable milk, dried beans, cans of steel-cut oats, and boxes of broth.

If you've followed a "first-in" "first-out" system, your current supplies should be in good condition. However, if you've not used the "just-in-case" items you bought, action may be needed. Have you begun to realize you won't use up all those beans and cans of salmon anytime soon?

Pantry Clean Out Time

Take some time to review what you have and how long you've had it. Then make a plan for how you'll use it, if you'll donate it, or if you really should toss it. Remember, many "Sell-by" and "Best-by" dates do not mean that the food will be dangerous; some "Use-by" dates may have some validity but not all. For the most part, these dates are suggested for quality and flavor rather than to indicate spoilage. Obviously, don't use any bulging cans or foods that smell rancid or off. Your senses can go a long way to avoid sickening yourself

with food.

If you still want to have an extra six cans of tuna on hand but those you have are approaching one of those dates, consider replacing them and donating your older but still good products to a community refrigerator or food pantry.

Cook from Your Pantry

If you decide to use up some of your reserves, you might write out a meal plan for a week that includes those items. While we quickly tire of tuna salad, we certainly eat up every salmon cake that Penny makes. It's a good time of year for a big pot of chili to finish off some of those beans and if you make a big enough pot, consider sharing a container with a friend who might be sick of their own cooking.

Where to Donate

As with so many things these days, you should call ahead to be sure your local food pantry, homeless shelter, or feeding center (like the Pine Street Inn or Saint Francis House in Boston) is accepting donations during the pandemic. You'll also need to check the hours and social distancing restrictions.

In addition to the more established food distribution centers, less formal "Community Refrigerators" are popping up around the area. These are literally a refrigerator and some shelving placed by a community organization or business.

FRESH AND LOCAL



PHOTO COURTESY OF IRENE LI

The Fenway Community Refrigerator is in front of Mei Mei at 506 Park Drive.

Eater Boston prepared a list of these sites writing, "Community fridges are meant to help people fill gaps for their food-insecure neighbors that are not being addressed by the state. They're stocked with groceries by members of the community and can be accessed at no cost by anyone who needs food. They operate on a 'take what you need, give what you can' basis, but

organizers stress that contributing food to a fridge is not a precondition for taking food."

Another informal way of helping is to offer the food directly to someone you know who might be unemployed or working for low wages. In this case, we would ask if they have family or friends who might be able to use it or know of an organization that distributes

food.

If you need the motivation to get this job done, think of it as preparing for your post-pandemic life when you'll shop more often and perhaps even dine out regularly.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Councilors Wu and Breadon call for hearing on childcare zoning

Staff Report

City Councilor Michelle Wu, in partnership with City Councilor Liz Breadon, filed a hearing order last week on the city's Inclusion of Daycare Facilities zoning regulations with the aim of updating these regulations to make early

education and childcare more accessible and affordable, and getting transparent answers from BPDA on existing enforcement. Boston's first Inclusion of Daycare Facilities (IDF) regulation was incorporated into the Zoning Code in 1989, requiring that buildings above a certain size threshold must

either set aside space for an on-site early education facility or contribute to the creation of such facilities off-site. Similar regulations now apply in 15 districts largely in Boston's downtown area.

However, these regulations have been inconsistently enforced by the BPDA with little transparency. The neighborhoods included in the zoning regulations do not extend to some of the most developed downtown neighborhoods in Boston; moreover, workplace-based care may not be convenient for guardians with non-standard or irregular work hours, particularly given the recent shift toward more remote work. Unlike the linkage program, the IDF regulations do not create a designated fund for developer contributions, leaving the BPDA to determine the size and use of developers' financial contributions on an ad-hoc basis. Wu and Breadon called for a hearing to suggest updates to the regulation to help build and fund more childcare sites that are accessible and afford-

able for Boston families, and get clear answers from the city about current enforcement.

"For families with children, the pandemic has made an already unbearable juggle impossible," said Michelle Wu. "We must recognize early education and care as critical infrastructure for our youngest learners, their families, and our economy--especially through Boston's recovery. Boston has made some strides in expanding Pre-K seats through dedicated staff and community partnerships, but it's time to simplify our patchwork system and guarantee access for all families. As a policymaker and a mom, I know the difference that city leadership will make for our families--from easing stress on working parents, to giving our youngest learners the best foundation for life, to investing in our early education and childcare workforce to create sustainable career pathways for our residents. Now is the moment for bold, urgent leadership to value early education and

care as a public good."

As a working mom, Councilor Michelle Wu is intimately familiar with the challenges and gaps that families with young children in Boston face. In 2014, she became the first sitting Boston City Councilor to become pregnant and give birth--to her older son Blaise--who is now 6 years-old and a K2 student at the Summer School. In 2017, she became the first City Council President to have a baby, when she and her family welcomed Cass (now 3 years-old, waiting in BPS K1 lottery) to the world. She has written about the juggle of being a working mom and navigating multimodal transportation as a mom, and was the lead author of Boston's Paid Parental Leave ordinance, which was signed into law in 2015 and was later highlighted by President Barack Obama in a Labor Day speech. As City Council President, she convened her colleagues to lead the charge in removing barriers to childcare access.



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Boston to receive \$435 million as part of the American Rescue Act

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Martin Walsh held a press conference on March 15, where he discussed some updates regarding COVID in the city, and Rep. Stephen Lynch provided some details about the newly passed federal American Rescue Act.

Walsh said that as of Sunday, there were 137 new cases of COVID-19 in Boston and two new deaths. The seven day positive test rate was 3.6 percent.

“Case numbers have stayed below the thresholds,” Walsh said, but told residents to continue to take all precautions, such as wearing masks, avoiding large gatherings, and washing hands.

He also said that this past weekend before St. Patrick’s Day did not result in the need for an emergency License Board hearing on Monday, as there were no violations.

Walsh also reminded residents that the state’s online system to pre-register for vaccines is now open, and that “anybody” can pre-register and will be notified when it’s their turn to schedule an appointment.

OUTDOOR DINING

The mayor announced the outdoor dining, which was previously set to start on April 1, will now begin on March 22 instead. The program allows for dining “on some roadways and public spaces,” and Walsh said that the city’s Disabilities Commission will once again provide ramps to restaurants who need them.

He said that restaurants in the North End will not offer outdoor dining until April 1, as more planning and set-up is required for streets in the North End, but the process will begin on March 29.

Walsh said the city has been “putting a big emphasis” on outreach to businesses owned by people of color.

AMERICAN RESCUE ACT

Rep. Stephen Lynch then spoke about the American Rescue Act, which was signed by President Biden last week. Boston will receive \$435 million as part of the plan.

“This bill is meant to address a problem of such enormous scope

that is unprecedented that the bill itself had to be of equal scope and equal impact,” Lynch said.

“We looked at the loss of revenue,” he said, to determine what “cities, towns, and states” were bringing in before the pandemic, and reimburse them “for part of what they would have earned had the pandemic not occurred.”

Lynch said that the “main short term areas” covered in the bill include the “research, rollout, development, and delivery” of the COVID-19 vaccine, and that there is \$130 billion “in that trench of money.”

He said that much of the money in the Act was delegated based on population, he said that the delegation “took a very hard look at areas that had been more heavily impacted, either because of high minority populations or poorer neighborhoods that did not have the existing infrastructure from a health care standpoint.”

For money related to housing, he said that they “looked at areas that have extremely high rents—such as Boston—for rental relief money.

“We looked at the chronology and the sequencing of putting America back to work,” Lynch said. He said that overall, \$7.6 billion was allocated for community health centers. He said there is a “very vibrant community health center community” and as many of them ramp up to distribute vaccines, legislators “made sure they got “direct funding.”

Lynch also said that by the end of March, it is expected that there will be an “extra 20 million doses” of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which will “help us respond in a more meaningful way. We’re moving in the right direction at an accelerated pace.”

Lynch also spoke about money allocated for relief for homeowners, schools—including parochial and private schools—and higher education.

There is also a “targeted increase for the MBTA,” Lynch said. “We’re providing taxpayer money to the MBTA to provide services to the taxpayer,” and said that Congress is “in opposition” to the furloughing or laying off of MBTA employees.

He said that “it is incongruous with our intent—speaking for the delegation—that an agency would take federal support from the taxpayer and then cut services to those same taxpayers. That doesn’t work for us.”

He said that they will be “having some hard discussions with the MBTA and with the governor,” and “we hope that more thoughtful ideas would emerge from those discussions and that there would be a pullback on the reductions of service to the public and also an elimination of any proposed furloughs or layoffs for those transportation employees.”

Lynch continued, “This is a big bill. Every aspect of our society is trying to be addressed.”

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Vandalism

3/5/21 - Officers responded on a report of vandalism to Joy Street and Joy Place, where two or three people were seen spray-painting houses. It was also confirmed the paint wasn’t there the previous day.

Officers were unable to locate any suspects at that time, but Area A-1 detectives are currently investigating the incident.

Larceny of a Bicycle

3/7/21 - A victim filed a report that his \$4,000 bicycle was stolen while locked on Myrtle Street. Area A-1 detectives are currently investigating the matter.

Leaving the Scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident

3/9/21 - A victim who was involved in a car accident on Chestnut Street flagged down police and said his vehicle was struck by another vehicle that ran a red light.

The suspect’s vehicle also collided with another parked car in the area. The suspect fled the scene in his motor vehicle. Witnesses on the scene were able to confirm the victim’s story.

The suspect and the vehicle were located moments later, and the suspect was summonsed to court for multiple motor vehicle violations.

OBITUARIES

Nancie MacCullough Weir

Published author and former Beacon Hill Times Columnist

Nancie M. Weir of Beacon Hill passed away on Thursday, March 11 of complications from heart failure. She was 87 years old at the time of her death.

She began her working career as a copy writer in the advertising business advancing to senior writing positions at McCann and finally BBDO, creating award winning ads for Revlon, Campbell Soups, Armstrong and other national and international accounts. She was also a published author, having two books published including Silver Spoons and Jade. She had a new book in manuscript form at the time of her death. She was also a former columnist for the Beacon Hill Times. She engaged in local volunteer work serving on

the board of the Nichols House Museum.

She is survived by her husband, Christopher, a daughter, Christina of Los Angeles, a son, Noah of Somerville, two grandchildren from Cambridge, Max and Eva and their mother, Kimberly. She is also survived by three step grandchildren: Christopher, John and Kathryn, all of Pennsylvania and a niece, Maryellen Langhout of Chicago.

Services are private. J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial St., Boston, MA is entrusted with her arrangements. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.watermanboston.com

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114

(617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU21P0463EA

Estate of: John Shinas Date of Death 11/07/2020 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Thomas Stark of Spotswood, NJ requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Thomas Stark of Spotswood, NJ be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 04/22/2021. 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. Date: March 11, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

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Latest Beacon Hill COVID update

By John Lynds

Last week Beacon Hill's cumulative COVID-19 positive test rate remained the same and the weekly positive test rate decreased slightly.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday, overall since the pandemic started 46,55 Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6.2 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was the same percentage reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

However, last week 2,689 residents were tested and 2.0 percent were positive--this was a 4.75 percentage decrease from the 2.1 percent reported by the BPHC two Fridays ago.

Citywide, 27,597 residents were tested and 3.6 percent were COVID positive--this was the same positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

At his daily press briefing Monday Mayor Martin Walsh said that Boston's numbers have stayed below the thresholds for concern for several weeks. The number of people hospitalized continues to

go down, people are getting vaccinated every day and help is on the way from the Federal government.

While Walsh said there are many reasons to be hopeful the city is still not out of the woods yet. "Everyone has to stay focused so that we don't slip backward," said Walsh. "That means: wearing a mask with a good fit, washing hands with soap and warm water, avoiding gatherings, and getting tested frequently."

The Mayor said that people who have been vaccinated should look at the CDC's guidance on activities they can do safely, which is posted on CDC.gov.

As far as the St. Patrick's Day holiday Walsh thanked the people of Boston for respecting public health guidance so far during the days leading up to the Irish Holiday and said that the City didn't have many reports of big gatherings.

"City departments were out enforcing safety protocols at restaurants, and for the most part, everyone was in compliance," said Walsh. "No emergency Licensing Board hearings were needed this morning (Monday). We need everyone to keep it up this coming week and weekend, too. As I

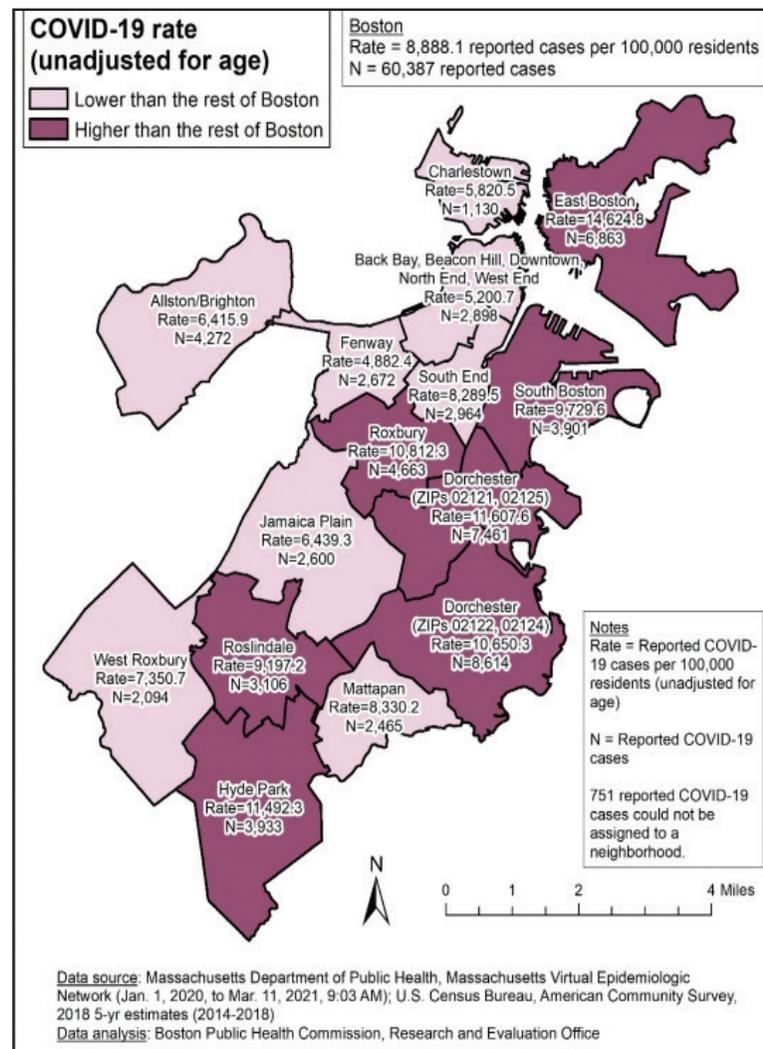
said last week, having a party and potentially causing an outbreak, isn't worth it. I thank everyone who continues to do their part."

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 520 cases per 10,000 residents, up 2.65 percent from 506.6 cases per 10,000 residents reported two weeks ago.

An additional 75 residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from 2,823 cases to 2,898 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 1.95 percent last week and went from 59,953 cases to 61,126 confirmed cases in a week. Twenty-seven additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,313 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.

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Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament starts April 20

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2021 Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation during the April public school vacation week.

"We're looking forward to getting our young hockey stars back outdoors to compete for the title of 'Boston's Best' in the Mayor's Cup Tournament," said Mayor Walsh. "We thank the Boston Bruins for their continued partnership and support and wish this year's players all the best of luck."

The Tournament will begin April 20 and continue through the school vacation week. All games will be played at Joseph Moakley Park at 1005 Columbia Road in South Boston.

Additional support is provided by P&G Gillette. Teams will compete in two regions in Mite (ages

6 to 8), Squirt (ages 9 to 10), and Pee Wee (ages 11 and 12) divisions. Please note that pre-registration for teams is required with a limit of eight teams per regional division.

All Massachusetts hockey standard procedures will be followed with added Mayor's Cup COVID-19 policies: masks are mandatory at all times; teams are limited to one game per day; no sharing of equipment; players will arrive 10 minutes before their games; benches will be sanitized between games; teams will be asked each day to provide names and phone numbers for contact tracing; and Mayor's Cup staff will be on site to ensure sure all protocols are followed.

To register or for more information, please contact Damien Margardo at damien.margardo@boston.gov or call (617) 961-3083.