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## Here's the Scoop

### 17-year old Grace Connor starts her company

By Beth Treffeisen

The sweet white goo of the marshmallow fluff swirling in-between chocolate ice cream glistened in the hot summer heat, slowly melting into the Café Nero cup. Known as “S’mores” it is one of the best sellers of Little G’s Ice Cream Co. and is capturing new fans with each taste.

Behind the making of this homemade ice cream, South End resident, 17-year-old Grace Connor pours her heart and soul into making people happy through her various sweet concoctions.

“This is what I like to do with my time off,” said Connor sitting in front of Café Nero in the South End.

Made by scratch,



Courtesy Photo

Grace Connor of Little G Ice Cream Company

the handmade ice cream touts flavors such as “Salted Caramel Blondie”, “Snack Attack” with pretzels, potato chips, and candy-coated chocolates, along with “Triple Cookie Dough” made up of three different cookie dough flavors.

The local business opened this past January out of the Commonwealth Kitchen in Dorchester. By using money saved up from a home-brew bakery business out of her parent’s house in the South End, Connor was able to save enough money to rent out her kitchen space.

The ice cream first appeared this past winter at Siena Farms in the South End, when Connor trekked through a snowstorm to make her first delivery. Looking at the tiny refrigerator holding

(CONNOR Pg. 11)

## Residents advocate for Ramsey Park

By Seth Daniel

Something is going to happen around Ramsey Park someday.

Residents of the area, which include the large Lenox Housing Development, can see the advancement of Northeastern University, the hot real estate market approaching from the north and the reinvigoration of Dudley Square to the south - not to mention the building going on at Boston Medical Center.

Through it all, residents are resigned to advocate for their park, and youth from St. Stephens Youth Programs all this month have been doing just that - holding a Peace

Walk, painting a new mural, holding a neighborhood BBQ and calling on the City to devote more resources to the hard-luck - though large - park on the edge of the South End.

“We’re glad that some people are paying attention,” said Sarah O’Connor of St. Stephens. “This 10-block area has no school, no health center, no civic association and no one really claims it. The park is sort of in limbo. It’s zoned for the South End and gets Roxbury building permits. It’s in the middle of a lot of things. Something is going to happen here.

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## Worcester Sq. forms committee to address neighborhood issues

By Seth Daniel

A special committee has been formed within the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) to compassionately address the well-publicized effects that several Methadone clinics, homeless shelters and vagrants are having on the neighborhood.

The new Safety Committee is led by Sahar Zaheer, Bijan Cronin and Andrew Brand and they are collecting short-term solutions, long-term solutions and other ideas primarily related to the Methadone clinics. They

said they are preparing to submit those concerns to Councilor Frank Baker, and are working to have a very professional presentation.

On Tuesday night, the Committee gave a formal presentation to WSANA to identify all of the work they have done since forming at the June meeting.

“My history with this is I asked a man in front of my East Springfield home to stop going through the trash and he threw a glass bottle at me and I am pregnant and didn’t appreciate

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## Vendome residents present their historic findings

By Samantha Mellman

This summer, residents of the Vendome proudly unveiled their exhibit of gilded age antiques from the Hotel Vendome.

Inside the lobby of the now condo building sits a rectangular glass cabinet that holds a historical bookmarker for the Hotel Vendome’s past. There are over a dozen items arranged together such as china table settings, silver plated tea sets and cutlery. The list continues with gift shop mauchline boxes, postcards, and a registry signed by hotel guests.

These items were not simply fetched out of a Vendome storage locker. The collection precipitated from a series of fortunate events that led to the permanent installation. When Darwin Cordoba, resident and overseer of the Americas Collection at



Some of the many items in the collection that are now on display from the old hotel.

the Museum of Fine Arts, met a former Vendome occupant looking to sell off his small collection, he immediately broke word to the

building’s committee.

Stepping-in soon after, resi-

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## Longfellow Bridge closed to vehicles this weekend; trains remain running

MassDOT’s contractor, White-Skanska-Consigli JV (WSC), will close the Longfellow Bridge to all vehicular traffic on Saturday, July 30, and Sunday, July 31, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM each day. The closure is necessary to perform utility work in the downstream roadway. Bicycle and pedestrian traffic and the MBTA Red Line will be maintained across the bridge at all times. Bicyclists will continue to use the sidewalk on the upstream

side of the bridge and pedestrians will continue to use the sidewalk on the downstream side during this timeframe. Boston-bound vehicles should use the inbound detour routes described below.

Inbound Detour Routes: Boston-bound vehicles will use one of two inbound detour routes to reach Charles River Dam Road (Monsignor O’Brien Highway/

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# EDITORIAL

## CLINTON'S SPEECH TONIGHT

Tonight at the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia Hillary Clinton will deliver one of the most important speeches of her career. Millions of people will be watching the former First Lady, U.S. Senator, and Secretary of State as she talks about why she wants to be the next President of the United States and what her plans are if she is elected to the nation's highest office.

More than 26 millions watched Donald Trump accept the nomination and speak at the Republican Convention last Thursday night in Cleveland. Trump rose to the occasion and gave an excellent speech and he showed restraint as some of the delegates offered some not-too-kind chants about the opposing Presidential candidate. Trump certainly made the entire campaign primary season an interesting one and record-breaking TV ratings for the Republican debates affirmed his ability to draw people into the political arena.

So it should be interesting tonight as Hillary tries to invigorate her supporters with a stirring message of hope and optimism for a Clinton Presidency.

The debates between Trump and Clinton will be "can't-miss" television. Could the debates decide the right now too-close-to-call Presidential Election? That remains to be seen, but one thing is certain -- all of America will be watching these two interesting candidates compete for the Presidency.

## DELEO AND THE FILM INDUSTRY

Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo, who has done so many positive things for the state, is receiving praise from an area businessman for his support of the film industry in Boston. The business owner said DeLeo has been instrumental in Hollywood producers wanting to film major motion pictures in Massachusetts. The shooting of movies in Boston and other communities means hundreds of jobs for people in the industry, not to mention all of the opportunities to be an "extra" in a movie.

DeLeo feels there are many benefits to having movies made in Boston, especially in the realm of promoting tourism, and we once again applaud the Speaker for being on the right side of this issue and helping small businesses and residents seeking to work in the film industry.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### HOLLAND DEVELOPMENT TO CHANGE WAREHAM

The developers of 46 Wareham St. in the old Piano Factory building filed a notice of project change with the Boston



Redevelopment Authority (BRA) last week to once again change the configuration of their project. The new change would not increase the overall gross floor area, but the residential units will now be at 18 units and they will be condos rather than rentals. That represents 49 percent of the building. The commercial/retail/office portion will now be 51 percent of the building, at 32,875 sq. ft. The change represents a 20 percent increase in units and a 20 percent decrease in commercial. It is the third change to the project since it was approved in April 2015.

### HEADS UP SECURITY OFFICER NABS MOST WANTED SEX OFFENDER

A Longwood Security officer working the Pine Street Inn was able to identify and apprehend one of the recently identified Most Wanted Sex Offenders in a head's up move last weekend. Reggie Ellenwood had been identified by State Police as one of the six Most Wanted sex offenders to have not registered with the State Sex Offender Registry. He had been convicted in 1992 of child rape in Essex County.

Around 7 p.m., a Longwood officer recognized Ellenwood and took him into custody. He was turned over to Boston Police at D-4.

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### MOVIES AT THE PRU RETURN

The free Family Film Festival series is

returning this summer to Prudential Center and the list of great family movies is below. Saturdays starting July 2 through August 27, beginning with fun kid activities at 6 p.m. and then the outdoor movies begin at sundown.

Movie Schedule for 2016:

- 7/30- Inside Out
- 8/6- Brave
- 8/13- Zootopia
- 8/20- A Bugs Life
- 8/27- Mary Poppins

### FUJI RESTAURANT TO OPEN AUG. 1 @INK BLOCK

Jimmy Liang of JP Fuji Group is working around the clock this week to get his newest restaurant, Fuji, in the Ink Block of the South End ready for an Aug. 1 opening.

The restaurant would be the second real offering brought to the Ink Block this year.

"It's going to have good food, great service, a great ambiance and with reasonable prices," he said this week. "I'm trying to hit it on all cylinders."

The restaurant will feature Japanese sushi, tempura and also Wok-tossed dishes.

Liang said he is excited to be in the South End, and listed his other restaurants as being in Quincy, Somerville and Cambridge.

"I am a country, suburban bumpkin coming to the City for the first time," he laughed. "We're excited about it and it's a great location. Ted Tye and National Development have a great vision and we're excited to be part of it."

The restaurant would be open Sunday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

### CONSUMER AFFAIRS LISTENING SESSION

The state Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation wants to hear from South End, Back Bay and Fenway residents at a listening session on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 1000 Washington St. (across from Ink Block) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Consumer Affairs Undersecretary John Chapman and representatives from the regulatory agencies his office oversees are engaging in a summer listening tour with consumers. Five stops are on the tour, including the South End.

Topics can include Do Not Call List, home improvement contractor requirements, predatory lending, debt collectors, Broadband/wireless coverage, insurance, data privacy,

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## FRIDAY, JULY 29

CONCERT, Is Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras' Intensive Community Program, Boston Public Library courtyard, 700 Boylston St., 12:30 p.m., visit [www.bpl.org/concerts](http://www.bpl.org/concerts) for more information

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3

CONCERT, Kyle Thornton and the Company, Boston Public Library courtyard, 700 Boylston St., 6 p.m., visit [www.bpl.org/concerts](http://www.bpl.org/concerts) for more information

## FRIDAY, AUG. 5

CONCERT, Kenn Morr Band, Boston Public Library courtyard, 700 Boylston St., 12:30 p.m., visit [www.bpl.org/concerts](http://www.bpl.org/concerts) for more information  
EVENT, SoWa Artists Guild's "First Friday," 450 Harrison Ave., 5-9 p.m., call 978-337-4191 or visit [www.SOWAartists.com](http://www.SOWAartists.com) for more information

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

CONCERT, Njoki Karu, Boston Public Library courtyard, 700 Boylston St., 6 p.m., visit [www.bpl.org/concerts](http://www.bpl.org/concerts) for more information

## FRIDAY, AUG. 12

CONCERT, Hiroya Tsukamoto, Boston Public Library courtyard, 700 Boylston St., 12:30 p.m., visit [www.bpl.org/concerts](http://www.bpl.org/concerts) for more information

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17

CONCERT, James Fernando, Boston Public Library courtyard, 700 Boylston St., 6 p.m., visit [www.bpl.org/concerts](http://www.bpl.org/concerts) for more information

## FRIDAY, AUG. 19

CONCERT, Yi David Yang, Boston Public Library courtyard, 700 Boylston St., 12:30 p.m., visit [www.bpl.org/concerts](http://www.bpl.org/concerts) for more information

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24

CONCERT, Honeysuckle, Boston Public Library courtyard, 700 Boylston St., 6 p.m., visit [www.bpl.org/concerts](http://www.bpl.org/concerts) for more information

## FRIDAY, AUG. 26

CONCERT, Boston Lyric Opera, Boston Public Library courtyard, 700 Boylston St., 12:30 p.m., visit [www.bpl.org/concerts](http://www.bpl.org/concerts) for more information

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31

CONCERT, Aliya Cycon Project, Boston Public Library courtyard, 700 Boylston St., 6 p.m., visit [www.bpl.org/concerts](http://www.bpl.org/concerts) for more information

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it," said Zaheer. "I called D-4 and no one came. I didn't think it was acceptable. There is a vulnerable population going through the neighborhood and they are not treated with dignity. They are bussed in and bussed out and don't even have bathrooms. They are the daytime homeless and have nowhere to go so they're in the neighborhoods. The newest thing is they don't have water in this heat so they are passing out on the street all through the neighborhood. We are all feeling this and it is frustrating...It's great to vent and to get together and complain, but we have to now move forward with solutions. There is so much frustration for what we have to live with and we need to focus that in a positive direction."

Sheila Dillon of the City's Department of Neighborhood Development said City Hall is well aware of everything that's going on with the homeless and the Methadone Clinics and the drug use in the Worcester Square area. She said they are working hard on the problem and may even have something to point to in the coming weeks.

"I do want to be very clear that the mayor is very aware of this situation and working with us and putting resources there and is very close to having something to address the situation," she said. "He's been very aware of what's going on with the situa-

tion regarding Methadone Clinics. That's a complicated situation because it's not all homeless... We will get there. I think with the closing of Long Island...the mayor saw there was an opportunity to provide services for the homeless. While nothing happens overnight, we're on our way to doing this."

In Worcester Square, some in the Association felt that recent articles in the Boston Globe about the 'Methadone Mile' have focused primarily on the homeless and addicts and not on neighbors. Meanwhile, a letter penned to the Newmarket Business Association by the Office of Recovery Services was found by many in WSANA to be a little "tone deaf," celebrating the fact that all of these social services bringing problems to the neighborhood were located in one small area - just what neighbors have been routinely protesting for years.

"If the City thinks their doing a fine job and are tone deaf, maybe we need to make them less tone deaf with pictures and videos and more information and evidence," said Brand.

That's precisely what the group has been doing in compiling a detailed document with information and goals to present to the City and the state.

One of the most troubling

aspects of the problem is the Methadone Clinics, and one in particular. That clinic is operated by Acadia Health Systems of Tennessee and is called the Boston Community Treatment Center located at 99 Topeka St. The company is a for-profit company that operates similar clinics in Fall River, Lynn, Lowell, and seven other locations in Massachusetts.

However Zaheer noted that she has discovered the company is bussing in patients from outside of Boston into the neighborhood. Often, the patients have to take a morning dose and an evening dose, so in between they are becoming the daytime homeless - wandering the streets without access to water or bathrooms.

"In the long-term, we need to have a daily list of the numbers who are bussed in from outside the City of Boston," she said. "We need to provide services for our residents. Why are we providing services to people from other communities and using our tax dollars to address their problems? I've been told there isn't enough room in these other committees, but by treating them in our community, they will be more likely to cause problems or stay all day because they aren't close to their homes. I can't understand this story that there isn't enough room in other communities. It doesn't add up."

This revelation was news to many in WSANA, including a veteran of the Methadone Mile, WSANA President George Stergios.

"We have all of these great relationships with the social services in the area," he said. "The piece we're missing is the Methadone side. These other social services like the homeless shelters, the hospital and others like to talk to us. They want to know what we think. The Methadone is a complete mystery. We don't know if there are two or three and if they're bussing people...I had never heard that. Right now, they are operating in a way that they do whatever they want to do."

Some immediate suggestions by the Committee included:

- having the City provide a quarterly report to WSANA of the homeless population and the progress to get them out of chronic situations.

- Regularly clean up Melnea Cass Boulevard through the City and Boston Medical Center resources.

- Make all Methadone facilities participate in neighborhood meetings at least on a quarterly basis. Part of that would be mandating a quarterly report for WSANA on where patients are coming from and how many are being served.

- have Clinics provide 24/7 access to bathrooms, water and

places to wait in between doses for their patients. Waiting areas are also suggested to have programming.

- make clinics have private security in a 500 foot radius of their operation and full video monitoring.

- require clinics to contribute to a fund to support police and neighborhood services for every person brought in from outside of Boston every day.

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## SOUTH END ASTROS BEST MALDEN MAD DOGS

Photos and story by Bob Marra  
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The South End Astros of the Yawkey League took advantage of a Malden Mad Dogs pitching implosion in the sixth inning, scoring six runs on a series of hit batters, walks and a pair of hits.

Then third baseman Ben Lewis cracked a three-run homer in the sixth inning en route to the Astros' 9-4 win in Yawkey League action Sunday at Jim Rice Field.

Astros starter Juon Ulloa had a shaky first inning as the visiting Mad Dogs jumped to a 3-0 lead. Ulloa settled down after, though, and shut out Malden over the next three innings until relief pitcher Jan Carlos came in for the save with two innings of scoreless pitching.

The Astros, meanwhile, struggled at the plate and were held scoreless through the first four. But the fifth inning spelled doom for Malden starter Nick Berger, who solid pitching melted in the fifth as he walked the bases loaded and hit a pair of hitters.

The Astros victory was sealed in the sixth when Ben Lewis, a 2016 graduate of Beaver Country Day School in Newton who will play

baseball at Colby-Sawyer College in the fall, walloped a blast over the right field fence to score Brad Presler and Francis Reyes.

The South End Astros are one of 13 greater Boston teams in the competitive wooden-bat league named for former Boston Red Sox owner Tom Yawkey. The league, which traces its beginning over 50 years ago, flourished starting in 1990 when it commenced its affiliation with the Yawkey family and the philanthropic Yawkey Foundation. It is the largest amateur baseball program in the Boston area and each team plays a formidable 30-game schedule from May to July with a championship playoff series in August. For schedules and more information, visit [www.yawkeybaseball.com](http://www.yawkeybaseball.com).



**THIS IS THE END:** Left fielder Kenny Layton, who walked, is tagged out at home, ending the Astros' six-run fifth inning.



**HOT SHOT:** Shortstop Jordan Matos unleashes a throw after fielding a slow roller in the first inning of the Astro's 9-4 win over the Malden Mad Dogs in Yawkey League action Sunday at Jim Rice Field.



**SQUEEZE PLAY:** Centerfielder Jonathan Matos makes a running catch on a Malden line drive.



**POWER PERFORMANCE:** Starting Pitcher Juan Ulloa went five innings, giving up six hits and three runs to go along with three strikeouts. He shut out Malden over his last three innings pitched.



**BROTHERLY LOVE:** Center Fielder Jonathan Matos puts on the brakes to get caught in a rundown between first and second, which allowed his brother and shortstop, Jordan Matos, to score.



**SEASONS GREETINGS:** Astro's third baseman Ben Lewis is greeted by Brad Presler (42) after Lewis's three-run home run put the Astros up 9-4 in the sixth inning – sealing a victory.

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## HUD awards \$3.4M for job training and employment

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) this week awarded more than \$3.4 million in Massachusetts to help families living in public housing and those participating in HUD's Housing Choice Voucher Program connect with services to further their education, find good jobs, and to set them on a path to self-sufficiency.

It is part of \$75 million being awarded nationwide.

Local grants included:

- Boston Housing Authority, \$275,040

- Revere Housing Authority, \$66,600

- Chelsea Housing Authority, \$133,909

- Lynn Housing Authority, \$113,713

Funded through HUD's Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS), these grants allow public housing agencies (PHAs) to work with social service agencies, community colleges, businesses, and other local partners to help public housing residents and individuals participating in HUD's Housing Choice Voucher Program advance their education or gain marketable skills that will help them get a job or advance in their current workplace. As of Fiscal Year 2015, recipients of Project-Based Rental Assistance are also eligible to participate in the program.

"Connecting folks to jobs is an important part of HUD's mission as the Department of Opportunity," said HUD Secretary Julián Castro. "By linking people to computer access, job training, childcare, and ultimately financial empowerment, these grants help people who are ready to compete and succeed in the workplace. HUD is proud to

give them these tools for self-sufficiency."

HUD's FSS Program helps local public housing authorities hire service coordinators who work directly with residents to connect them with programs and services that already exist in the local community. These Service Coordinators build relationships with the network of local service providers so as to more effectively serve the residents. The program encourages innovative strategies that link public housing and Housing Choice Voucher assistance with other resources. This broad spectrum of services will enable participating families to find jobs, increase earned income, reduce or eliminate the need for rental and/or welfare assistance, and make progress toward achieving economic independence and housing self-sufficiency.

Participants in the program sign a five-year contract that requires the head of the household to obtain employment and that no member of the FSS family is receiving cash welfare assistance at the end of the five-year term. Families in the FSS program have an interest-bearing escrow account established for them. The amount credited to the family's escrow account is based on increases in the family's earned income during the term of the FSS contract. If the family successfully completes its FSS contract, the family receives the escrow funds that it can use for any purpose, including improving credit scores, paying educational expenses, or a down-payment on a home.

HUD is currently conducting a longitudinal study on the program, with the first set of results expected in 2018.

## SEBA COFFEE MEETING



Richard Stern, Mark Carrig, Alyssa Schoenfeld, Kaitlin Bresee and Lady Elizabeth Pabon met downstairs for the first meeting of the SEBA work/coffee mornings. The first of what is planned to be many South End Business Alliance working meetings took place this past Wednesday downstairs at the South End Buttery. "People who work from home can come here and work," said Alyssa Schoenfeld of SEBA.

"This is our first one." Only a few people met that Wednesday to have coffee and share ideas about their companies and the South End.

The plan is to hold the work/coffee meeting every third Wednesday of the month from 9:30am to noon. The Buttery is offering free wifi and SEBA free coffee. "We are thinking there are a lot of people who are working from home and might like something like this. I think this is something that can and will take hold."

## Homeless housing initiatives find victories

By Seth Daniel

Just one year ago, Mayor Martin Walsh came out with an initiative to address chronic homelessness and to get people on the streets into permanent housing.

There have been victories reported that are significant, City officials said, but the future may not include the trip back to Long Island Shelter.

This week, City officials reported that they've had significant victories already on the housing the homeless front and have laid important groundwork for making even more improvements in the coming year. However, those improvements may not include re-building the bridge to Long Island Shelter - which was closed a few years ago. The City is studying if the costs are worth the benefits. That is crucial for the South End, as the closing of Long Island Shelter resulted in the opening of Southampton Shelter - which was only to be temporary.

"Right now, a cost-benefit analysis is underway in order to deter-

mine the future of the Long Island bridge," said Bonnie McGilpin of the Mayor's Office. "No final decisions have been made yet. However, it is important to look at all of the progress the City has made in housing the homeless since bridge was closed."

Sheila Dillon of the City's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) said the initiative, introduced in June 2015, has seen all of the identified single homeless veterans housed and many single homeless people on track for housing.

"In one year, we have housed all of the chronically homeless veterans," she said. "All of the veterans chronically homeless in who were in shelters for a long time are now housed. We've housed 684 veterans in one year. That's pretty amazing. That means we have had a drop of homeless veterans by a figure of 44 percent."

The veterans, she said, were the top priority in a three-tiered approach.

The second part was for individuals (homeless families were not included in the initiative) who

were not veterans. That part was much more difficult, she said. They realized over the last year that a lot of coordination needed to be made and groundwork was going to need to be laid.

"We have a lot of services and non-profits who serve the chronically homeless and everybody was working off of a separate list and so now we have one master list of individuals that we are all working off of," she said. "If you don't do that, there will be duplication of services...We have housed this year more than 100 chronically homeless individuals who aren't veterans, with 600 identified."

She said the work is one of the most exciting initiatives she has worked on while at DND.

"We are committed to getting all of those identified housed," she said. "It is one of the most exciting transformations I've witnessed in many years of service."

As for Long Island, she said no decisions have been made, but that the "best use for the island is being evaluated."

## MAINTAINING THE URBAN TREE

Watering, fertilizer, and pest control maintenance are the three key ingredients for healthy trees in the urban jungle. Newly planted trees require continued watering, ten gallons per week on the average throughout their active growing season. If you have a watering hose, set it at low pressure and water once a week for approximately 1/2 hour or more often during periods of hot weather. Best times to water are early morning or evening.

- When fertilizing young trees, one application in the spring is adequate. A slow release, high nitrogen fertilizer can be used for the first four years. Do not fertilize any tree in midsummer. Mature trees need not be fertilized on a yearly basis.

- The days of public spraying of trees with insecticides and pesticides are a thing of the past. Contact a certified arborist to diagnose and manage insect and disease problems.



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# Beacon Street brownstone speaks history through reclaimed wood

By Beth Treffeisen

A historic brownstone on Beacon Street gave up a hidden secret during a gut-rehab project with the rare discovery of wooden joists made of Heart Pine, uncommon to the late 19th century Boston buildings that are normally built with fir joists.

Discovered by Catamount Builders during the buildings demo, the floors of 474 Beacon Street in the heart of Back Bay has played host to numerous dwellers dating back to 1892.

If the floors could speak for themselves, they would tell stories of high society merchants, pains of patients when it was an oral surgeons office and soon it will play host to a four-story luxury apartments.

“Imagining all of these well-to-do people, people coming to age, walking up and down these streets – it’s kind of fun to image it,” said Kathy Woodward the spokeswoman for Longleaf Lumber Inc.



The property on Beacon Street being gutted to become luxury rental apartments.

The renovations will take the nine units and ready them for occupancy as apartments that

will have views overlooking the Charles River.

As for the wood that was sal-

vaged, Longleaf Lumber that takes antique wood and gives it new life will turn the Heart Pine into shelving and flooring to be placed in other homes around the Bay area.

Longleaf Lumber that is located in Cambridge, takes salvage woods from industrial, agricultural, and large residential buildings throughout the eastern part of the U.S. and make them into flooring, paneling, stair treads, moldings, and more.

“They took it out beam by beam and by hand because they don’t want them wrecked,” said Woodward comparing it to other types of demolition that just “smash things to bits.”

Fehmer & Page architects designed the brick home, giving the building curved bay windows and basement exposure to the street above.

The Pierce family first owned the house for many years and eventually handed it down to their daughter Katherine. She later rented it out to Nathaniel Cotton,

another merchant and Charles Foster the director and treasurer of Chickering & Sons piano manufacturer.

The Fosters came in later due to their need to better entertain for their daughter’s debutante season. Another family of James T. Barron who operated a cannery in Portland, Oregon also enjoyed the space for his daughter’s coming-of-age season.

Most notably, the building holds ties to the Museum of Fine Arts through Katherine Pierce the daughter of the original owners. According to Longleaf, when she passed away in March of 1913 she left her will for various local organizations including about \$1.2 million in 2016 dollars to the museum.

Today the Katherine C. Pierce Trust continues to serve funds for women and children in need in the state of Massachusetts.

“You walk by not knowing the history,” said Woodward, “But these buildings just have all these different lives.”

## Downtown View

### Meeting over coffee

Our local elected officials usually schedule coffee hours once a month or so in each neighborhood in case constituents want to come and chat about important public matters.

So a couple of weeks ago I sat down with state Rep. Jay Livingstone as he waited in Panificio on Charles Street for people to come by. I was the only one who did. Jay said it was probably because the Beacon Hill Times had forgotten to list it in the calendar that week. Apparently people actually read the newspaper because Jay said on Beacon Hill he usually has a couple of visitors each month.

West End constituents also come regularly when he holds sessions in that neighborhood. I had first asked Jay if I could join him in the Back Bay when he scheduled a coffee there but he said that usually no one shows up at the Back Bay coffee time.

He had no idea why two of his Boston neighborhood coffee hours draw constituents and one doesn’t.

Nevertheless, he hears from constituents. In the Back Bay the most recent topic has been cars driving too fast on Beacon Street especially and the desire to narrow the street to two vehicle lanes so a bicycle lane can be installed.

On Beacon Hill, recent questions have been over the timing of construction of the new pedestrian

bridge over Storrow Drive and also about when the city will replace bricks that have been removed on several of the sidewalks.

For several months West End residents have come to Jay to try to prevent the city giving approval to a tall building proposed by Equity Residential on Martha Road. It was approved, probably for the final time, in June. (There was some going back and forth about that approval.)

You might notice that most of these concerns have to do with the city’s jurisdiction and not the state. What can Jay do, for example, about forgotten temporary patches instead of bricks?

He ends up doing something, he said. He might alert a city official to a problem. When complaints came into the city about snowplowing on certain streets, he talked it over with Mike Dennehy, the City of Boston’s Public Works Commissioner. After the next snowstorm, Dennehy called Jay and asked, “How did we do?” Jay went out to check the streets in question and found them perfectly plowed.

He also might be able to deal directly with a state official. There was a timing problem on a light at Leverett Circle. The traffic light turned yellow at the same time the pedestrian walk light came on. He

## LONGFELLOW BRIDGE (from pg. 1)

Route 28) and Leverett Circle. Height restrictions are in place for Memorial Drive, so all buses and trucks must use the 3rd Street to Binney Street detour described below.

From Main Street, turn right onto Memorial Drive westbound, and make a U-turn at Ames Street to access Memorial Drive eastbound. Follow Memorial Drive eastbound to Land Boulevard and turn right onto Charles River Dam Road (Monsignor O’Brien Highway/Route 28) to reach Leverett Circle.

From Broadway, turn left

onto 3rd Street, turn right on Binney Street, turn left onto Land Boulevard, and then turn right onto Charles River Dam Road (Monsignor O’Brien Highway/Route 28) to reach Leverett Circle.

The Cambridge-bound detour remains in place using the existing signed route from Charles Circle following Charles Street to Leverett Circle, Monsignor O’Brien Highway (Route 28)/ Charles River Dam Road, and Land Boulevard.

For more information on the project, visit the website at [www.mass.gov/massdot/long-](http://www.mass.gov/massdot/longfellowbridge)

[fellowbridge](http://www.mass.gov/massdot/longfellowbridge). View construction progress photos on MassDOT’s Longfellow Bridge Flickr Album. For questions or to report issues related to construction, please call the project hotline at 617-519-9892 or email [longfellowbridge@state.ma.us](mailto:longfellowbridge@state.ma.us).

MassDOT encourages drivers to avoid the area and seek alternate routes to minimize delays. Those traveling through the area should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution. The schedule for this major infrastructure project is weather dependent and subject to change without notice..



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FINDINGS (from pg. 1)

dents Kibby Spiers-Pilla, director of The Vendome Artifacts Collection, and her husband George Pilla, extended an offer on entire lot before the pieces were broken up. With assistance from additional residents funds were raised to purchase the collection and the display cabinet.



Fire Commissioner Joseph Finn and Kibby Pilla.

“This was the most beautiful hotel in the Back Bay and a lot of people forgot about that,” said Cordoba standing next to the display. “It is fantastic to see what is behind the history of the Vendome.”

Architect William G. Preston, modeled the hotel on the corner of Commonwealth and Dartmouth Street, after the Place Vendôme, a former French palace that was completed in 1871. In the following decades the hotel would be expanded and become the first commercial building with electric lighting in Boston. The Vendome emerged as the place for elite guests from American Artist John Singer Sargent to President Grover Cleveland.

Many decades later the Vendome began to be converted into condominiums, retail spaces, and restaurants. Only a year after the hotel’s centennial the worst firefighting fatality to hit Boston would mark the Vendome name in infamy.

“There’s not a Boston firefighter who doesn’t know about the Hotel Vendome,” said Boston Fire Commissioner Joseph Finn.

Also the son of a former Dorchester fireman, in 1972 Finn was 11 years old when the Hotel Vendome suffered a massive fire that killed nine

firefighters when the southeastern portion of the building collapsed.

“We feel eternally tied to the Hotel Vendome from the Boston Fire Department and the City of Boston,” said Finn at the exhibit’s unveiling recently.

The Italian white marble exterior of the Vendome is the only part of building that resembles the once grand hotel. Once a lobby layered in marble and walnut wood moldings, now bares white washed walls dotted with abstract art under drop ceilings. The fantasy that was the old Vendome is wiped away except for a massive lobby mirror in a wooden carved frame.

“All of our sense that this is a historic building inside was pretty much lost,” said Kibby. “We tried to live some of it through the articles, menus, and seeing the plates they ate off of and bring it back in that way.”

More than a hundred artifacts will be rotated every quarter, so that residents can always enjoy seeing and learning something new about the Hotel Vendome.



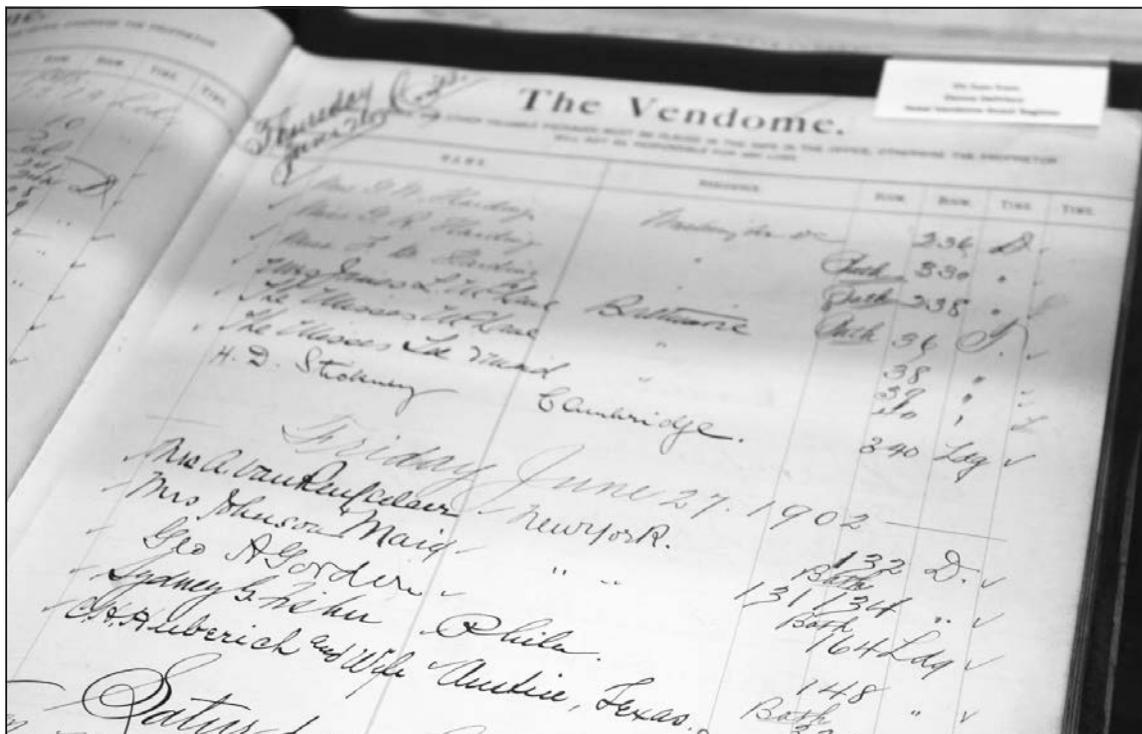
Joanna Datillo, Vendome Trustee, Darwin Cordoba, Kibby and George Pilla.



Darwin Cordoba unveiling the Hotel Vendome exhibit.



Patrick Ahearn, Vendome Trustee, Victoria Kennedy, co-founder and president of the Board of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute, and William Young, former director of the Back Bay Architectural Commission.



An old guest list from the Vendome hotel.

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# Swim Across America features swimmers from South End, Back Bay

By Joseph Prezioso

Local swimmers and Olympic medalists gathered at the Boston Harbor Hotel on Friday morning, July 8, to dive into Boston Harbor for the 22-mile relay race to Boston Light and back.

The 20th annual Boston Swim Across America featured more than 50 swimmers who each raised a minimum of \$1,500 each, with some raising \$75,000, to benefit the David B. Perini, Jr. Quality of Life Clinic at Dana-Farber and Massachusetts General Hospital for Children Cancer Center.

Swimmers braved the cold harbor water, which is now a clean harbor, and took turns in six rotating heats to swim from the inner harbor to Boston Light and back. The yachts "Timeless" and "Sacred Love," Zodiacs and smaller support craft also kept the swimmers safe and took part in ferrying them to and from the yachts. The State Police, Boston Police, DCR and Coast Guard also provided safe water ways on the 22-mile route.

Some swimmers such as Colleen Lynch of Charlestown have taken part in this race for years and will continue to do so. Newcomers this year, Jennifer Roach of the South End and Julia Wu of the Back Bay were eager to make their first swim.

The swimmers gathered at 6:30 a.m. for a 7 a.m. start time. Most with jackets on, and slowly taking them off to don wet suits. A few brave souls wore just a bathing suit or swim shorts.

"This is my first year, I've got my rookie tattoo," said Wu. "I am swimming in honor of my grandmother who died of stomach cancer, plus its an awesome cause."

Wu was recruited by her friend, Jennifer Roach, who is swimming the relay race for the second time.

"I am swimming for everyone affected by cancer," said Roach.

Both Roach and Wu are members of the Boston City Swimmers out of the YMCA. They train under coach Lisa Cloitre.

"I had a dream where there was a freak snow storm and we would be diving into the snow, but, I think its going to be great," said Wu.

At the pier, Olympians Carlton Bruner, Janel Jorgensen McArdle, Kristy Kowal, Heather Petri, and Erik Vendt gathered and stretched out. Kowal joked about how she was going to belly flop. The countdown was given and the Olympians made their dives and belly flops into the harbor to start the race. They swam to just past the Moakley Courthouse before the first heat dove in to replace

them.

Each heat swam for 10 to 15 minutes before switching off.

"Oh my god, no words to even describe it. Amazing! Cold and Amazing!" said Roach as she dried off and tried to get warm with a towel. Shivering next to her was Wu.

"First swim was awesome," said Wu. "The current was fine. Some parts were warm or cold, but it was fine. I fell behind in my first heat, due to my poor training regimen in the past two weeks."

"A piranha bit my toe, but I kept swimming," joked Roach. She said the angel swimmers (there to keep swimmers safe) helped her the entire way through.

On board the boat "Timeless," the swimmers took warmth in sharing stories, hot coffee, and dry towels. Some of the swimmers wrote messages on their swim caps to those they were swimming for and others had temporary tattoos for their causes.

Swimmer Stephen Colbert swam for the first time in honor of his brother, Eddy, who swam this for the past eight years and now has cancer.

He and another swimmer raised over \$75,000.

Olympian Kristy Kowal swims for children with cancer.

"One of our favorite things to do is that when we go the hospital and see the reactions on the childcare's faces when we tell them that we are going to jump into the ocean and swim a 22-mile race for them," said Olympian Kristy Kowal.

"I am a big supporter of Swim Across America all over the country, mostly because it gives us aquatic folks a reason to come together and fight this disease that we all hate," said Olympian Heather Petri.

Petri sat with a fellow Olympian Kristy Kowal and told stories of the London, Athens and Beijing Olympics to their fellow Boston swimmers who have become very close over the years.

"They become your family once you get to know them."

Everyone swims for a different reasons, but in the end they are all swimming to for loved ones and awareness.

"It was awesome," screamed Roach and Wu after their second heat before they had lunch and rested for their return swim from Boston Light back to Rowes Wharf.



Swimmers pass Boston Light, which is celebrating its 300th anniversary, to start the second leg of the 22-mile relay and the journey back towards Rowe's Wharf during Friday's (July 8) Swim Across America.



Julia Wu of the Back Bay grabs a breath of fresh air before continuing her swim in Boston Harbor for Swim Across America.



Jennifer Roach of the South End did a little back stroke to start her second heat Friday, July 8.

## Happy Birthday Bella



A Candle light Vigil for Bella Bond will be held on her birthday, August 6, 2016, at 7PM on Deer Island.

The vigil will be to honor baby Bella on her birthday and to celebrate her life. Please join us to remember and reflect on Bella's life.

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# ATTENTION TO DETAIL

BY PENNY CHERUBINO

## THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The carved panel in the last clue is on The Erickson at 373 Commonwealth Avenue, designed by architects Mackay and Dunham and built in 1892. In 1905 the publication "This Week In Boston" wrote, "Those wishing a permanent or temporary Commonwealth Avenue home will find attractive apartments of 3 rooms with private bathroom or 5 rooms with 2 bathrooms at moderate rates in The Ericson [sic], two doors from Massachusetts Avenue carlines."

The clue below will be found in the Fenway. Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.



# Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	CITY	PRICE
<b>BACK BAY</b>				
Ploussias, George	Dolins, Jennifer	100 Beacon St #5B	Boston	\$3,380,000
Sechi, Luca	Ertik, Bella	119 Beacon St #3	Boston	\$1,450,000
Fang, Fang	Wong, Albert K	322 Beacon St #7	Boston	\$675,000
Bapmac 220 Boylston LLC	Lunder, Peter H	220 Boylston St #1008	Boston	\$2,710,500
JGoswami, Alak R	Grosso, Francis L	28 Commonwealth Ave #4	Boston	\$1,300,000
Covino, James R	Patricia R Meador IRT	265-275 Dartmouth St #4D	Boston	\$510,000
Colonna, Robert	Bourell, Todd F	81 Dartmouth St #1	Boston	\$555,000
Huang, Chuyan	Richardson, Elaine M	4 Charlesgate E #802	Boston	\$645,000
Goswami, Alak R	Grosso, Francis L	28 Commonwealth Ave #4	Boston	\$1,300,000
KEP Holdings LLC	Gadiesh, Orit	382 Commonwealth Ave #11	Boston	\$825,000
Almond, Robert C	Tolzman, Michael J	405 Commonwealth Ave #10	Boston	\$629,000
Gosselin, John T	Stuart, John D	11 Gloucester St #3	Boston	\$850,000
13-1 Gloucester LLC	Tolley, David C	13 Gloucester St #1	Boston	\$1,613,000
Nieboer, Richard	Wayne, David	360 Newbury St #704	Boston	\$820,000
<b>BEACON HILL</b>				
3 Acorn Street Inc	Shakin, Regina A	3 Acorn St	Boston	\$3,715,000
Jacobs, David G	Walsh Residential Props	17 Bowdoin St #3A&B	Boston	\$770,000
Mccracken-Hicks, Yale	Hicks, Marion L	100 Chestnut St #3	Boston	\$1,293,500
Regan, James	Smith, Daniel C	6 Grove St #3	Boston	\$725,000
Papadopoulos, Alexandros	Heffernan, Michael J	45 Hancock St	Boston	\$4,100,000
Pepin, Olivier B	Chang, Howard H	9 Hawthorne Pl #14M	Boston	\$825,000
Malwal, Naveen	Hunnewell, Curt	42 Joy St #8	Boston	\$1,585,000
Schwartz, Deborah P	Caswell, David F	84 Myrtle St #1	Boston	\$735,000
RSuh, Joome	Richard C Wecker RET	30 Pinckney St #2	Boston	\$505,000
Zargarian, Sevag	Elite Time Management	20 Province St #110A	Boston	\$900,000
Shieh, Lawrence	Hong, Frank	45 Province St #911	Boston	\$839,000
Colantuno, Ralph A	Fleming, Brent	21 Revere St #3	Boston	\$616,000
<b>SOUTH END</b>				
Jessica Ashley Young IRT	O'Brien, Ronan	150 Chandler St #9	Boston	\$670,000
98 Chandler Street NT	Martha Byington RET	98 Chandler St #3	Boston	\$1,025,000
Cohen, Steven	Fried, Matthew	598 Chandler St #4	Boston	\$900,000
Yashinsky, Mark E	Lapman, Mark C	1 Charles St S #8G	Boston	\$1,995,000
Mullen, Michael	Chen, Zheng J	285 Columbus Ave #402	Boston	\$283,347
Birus, Davor	Patron, Raisa E	1 Melrose St #2	Boston	\$580,000
Cosby, Willoiam	Tildsley, Kyle	50 Montgomery St #2	Boston	\$420,620
Connolly, John M	Smith, Jarrod	400 Stuart St #15A	Boston	\$2,250,000
Auditore, James	Frenkel, Benjamin	238 W Newton St #1	Boston	\$620,000
Wang, Jenny J	Cohan, Linda E	169 Warren Ave #2	Boston	\$599,000
Cleary, Lisa	Carignan, Charles S	18 Yarmouth St #2	Boston	\$1,995,000
Sobel, Eitan	Grave, Peter	479 Beacon St #42	Boston	\$799,000
Cohen, Steven	Fried, Matthew	98 Chandler St #4	Boston	\$900,000
Greenwich Mainsail 2 LLC	Winn, Gilbert J	4 Claremont Park	Boston	\$2,050,000
Dileo Properties LLC	Massey, Tracey A	535 Columbus Ave #3	Boston	\$560,000
Anastasia, Tim	Bart, Wlaler J	28 Concord Sq #2	Boston	\$1,900,000
Anastasia, Tim	Bart, Wlaler J	28 Concord Sq #3	Boston	\$1,900,000
Anastasia, Tim	Bart, Wlaler J	28 Concord Sq #4	Boston	\$1,900,000
Anastasia, Tim	Bart, Wlaler J	28 Concord Sq #5	Boston	\$1,900,000
Anastasia, Tim	Bart, Wlaler J	28 Concord Sq #6	Boston	\$1,900,000
Anastasia, Tim	Bart, Wlaler J	28 Concord Sq #7	Boston	\$1,900,000
Reynolds, Suzanne	Sanborn, Cheryl	31 Concord Sq #2	Boston	\$908,000
Dhanji FT	Sit, Paula M	99 E Brookline St #2	Boston	\$549,500
Helen M Bjork RET	Corkery, Michele A	21 Father Francis Gilday St #510	Boston	\$700,000
Mann, Eugene	Fried, Susan K	40 Fay St #306	Boston	\$725,000
Obrien, Suzanne	Lin, Huei-Hsing	40 Fay St #307	Boston	\$460,000
AHSS 4 LLC	Hodsdon, Albert E	103 Gainsborough St #103	Boston	\$685,000
Fleck, Warren	Hodsdon, Albert E	76-110R Gainsborough St #5	Boston	\$73,250
Mabrouk, Patricia A	Mehra, Anish	96 Gainsborough St #4W	Boston	\$500,000
Paurowski, Donna L	Mccarthy, Andrew R	36 Greenwich Park #3	Boston	\$1,515,000
Lind, Piper K	451 Marlborough T LLC	451 Marlborough St	Boston	\$2,450,000
Mark, Sui-Hung	Moccia RT	424 Massachusetts Ave #102	Boston	\$650,000
Fried, Matthew E	Coleman FT	470 Massachusetts Ave #1	Boston	\$1,070,000
Hazelton, Bryan C	Dedmon, Matthew M	534 Massachusetts Ave #4	Boston	\$727,000
Cooper Development Co LLC	Mitchell 666 Mass Ave	666 Massachusetts Ave	Boston	\$2,425,000
Birus, Davor	Patron, Raisa E	1 Melrose St #2	Boston	\$580,000
Cosby, Willoiam	Tildsley, Kyle	50 Montgomery St #2	Boston	\$420,620
oss, Warren K	Ploussias, George	10 Otis Pl #5A	Boston	\$1,650,000
Johnson, Anne E	Case, Elizabeth	10 Otis Pl #5B	Boston	\$1,900,000
Thornton, Martin P	Caporrella RT	11 Park Dr #28	Boston	\$295,000
Lin, Zhike	Chen-Courtin, Dorothy	15 Park Dr #16	Boston	\$595,000
Blair, June	Gikas, James J	61 Park Dr #21	Boston	\$674,000
Silver, Benjamin W	Orlansky, Tyler	31 Queensberry St #21	Boston	\$285,000

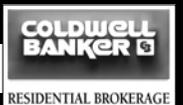
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### RESIDENTS TAKE PART IN RAMSEY PARK PEACE WALK



Eleany Ortiz, Besaira Perez, and Ashley Ortiz held up a "We want Peace" banner that they would also march with as they called attention to conditions in Ramsey Park and violence that often occurs there.



Ebony Chandler, whose family has attended St. Augustine and St. Martin Church for four generations, reads a poem from Langston Hughes in front of a mural of Frederick Douglass.



Councilor Tito Jackson addressed crowd and showed support for the park cleanup. He said it's the young people who got the park cleaned up.



St. Stephens Youth Organizer Anthony Pereira applies the finishing touches to a mural in Ramsey Park created this month to help brighten up the playground.



St. Stephens Youth Organizer Dominick Jackson and St. Stephens Youth Worker Sarah O'Connor stand with all smiles in front of the new mural.



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**RAMSEY PARK** (from pg. 1)

We're right in the middle of development between Dudley Square and Northeastern and BMC. We want to make sure the residents who are here can stay here and be proud of their park...These kids shouldn't have to go further up into the South End to find a park that's safe and clean."

Many promises were made about having a tremendous amount of activities in Ramsey Park this summer, and some of that has come to be, but the flooding of the area with activities and police presence hasn't always materialized.

Still, people sleeping in the Park can be found most every morning as the young kids from Lenox come out to the playground for their summer programs. There are constantly liquor bottles and nips littering the ground and some have mentioned that they have seen needles. Most all of the equipment and grass is in tough shape as well.

What has materialized though is some money for the park.

The City Budget does contain \$2.02 million for Ramsey Park over the next five years, with \$500,000 dedicated this budget cycle. The Mayor's Office said design and community meetings could start this summer.

"As far as the money in the budget, the Parks Department is

in the middle of an RFP process to select a designer and should have designer selected by mid-August and then will start the community meeting process - at least three meetings - in the fall of 2016," said Bonnie McGilpin of the Mayor's Office. "Once the design is finalized there will be a bid process for construction and construction is expected to begin in July 2017."

On a recent morning in Ramsey Park, several youth leaders from St. Stephens said they were excited to put some new life into their park.

The youth were painting a mural on the side of a brick building next to the playground.

"We wanted to paint this mural because we want a transformation and a good playground for kids and a positive environment," said Anthony Pereira, a youth organizer from St. Stephens. "We're doing this for the smaller kids, but in reality it's for everyone so we being awareness to the entire community about the conditions here."

Ebony Chandler, another youth organizer at St. Stephens whose family has attended St. Augustine's for four generations, said brightening up the wall is just one piece of the solution to making the park nice right now.

"If we can brighten things here

with our mural, that can lead to a more positive atmosphere in the park and that's something everybody can enjoy," she said.

Muralist Alex Cook said he began painting the mural seven years ago on the wall next door. His return to the area to paint the second half has been much welcomed, he said.

"It's kind of like having a house without any pictures on the wall," he said. "It doesn't feel like home and it isn't comfortable. Once you have pictures on the wall, it feels like a home. That's the same way with a mural in a neighborhood. It feels like a home in the neighborhood."

Events this month have also included a Peace Walk, and tonight, July 28, there will be a huge Community Celebration in Ramsey Park with a BBQ at 6:30 p.m. and performances at 8 p.m.

Other Ramsey Activities have included a Boston Police Sunday Flag Football League, Saturday basketball and Thursday basketball.

On Thursday, Aug. 25, there will be a Movie Night in Ramsey Park featuring 'Zootopia.'

Finally, an artist in residence program by Boston Parks will operate on July 28, Aug. 4, and Aug. 11 for kids (9 a.m. to noon).

**NEWS BRIEFS** (from pg. 2)

used car sales and professional licensing services.

Other related issues are welcomed.

**BULLFINCH LIQUOR STORE ON HOLD**

The developers of an upscale liquor store at 1721 Washington St. - between two existing alcohol stores - has pulled back from the proposal and chose not to attend a meeting of the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA) on Tuesday.

"They are re-thinking everything," said WSANA President George Stergios. "They decided not to come to this month's meeting and said they might be back in September."

The proposal was met with strong opposition at an abutters meeting on July 14, where 30 or 40 neighbors and City officials were roundly against the idea.

The store would have been located between 7/11 and Seiyo - both of which sell alcohol.

**RAFFLE FOR ROCK CONCERTS**

The Fenway Community Center will raffle off four tickets to its members for several upcoming blockbuster concerts at

Fenway Park, but time is of the essence as they will be raffling off August and September tickets this Friday, July 29.

The concerts include James Taylor (Aug. 3), Pearl Jam (Aug. 5 and 7), Billy Joel (Aug. 18), Zac Brown Band (Aug. 20 and 21), and Jason Aldean/Kid Rock (Sept. 9 and 10).

The breakdown is \$5 for one raffle ticket, \$10 for 3, \$20 for 8, and \$50 for 20. All proceeds benefit the Fenway Community Center and winners receive two tickets to a concert. There will be two winners per concert. The tickets cannot be re-sold.

**WSANA TO OPPOSE E. SPRINGFIELD, TENTATIVE OK ON MASS AVE**

The most infamous address in the South End is about to get a new look, but unfortunately, not a new address.

The Tobin Funeral Home, long creeping the neighborhood out with its address of 666 Massachusetts Ave., has garnered conditional approval from the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Council (WSANA) for a five-unit condo development

proposed for the former funeral home. The owner purchased the property about four weeks ago and lives in the Ink Block. It is her first foray into development, and she expects to spend about \$2 million on the renovations - after having purchased it for around \$2 million. They have an Aug. 23 date at the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for three pieces of relief. They expect a six to eight month build out.

The plan would call for a Garden condo and four floors of condos, with two parking spaces.

WSANA will oppose the parking plan, which only provides two spaces, and will not oppose the rest of the development.

In other news, WSANA said it would write a letter in opposition to the development by Scott Dabney of 55 E. Springfield St. Members felt Dabney has not been good to the neighborhood and he has blown off the WSANA meeting. He will appear at the ZBA on Aug. 9. Part of the development includes a precedent-setting expansion of the back of the home by about six feet. A letter of opposition will be drafted for Dabney not having met with the WSANA before the ZBA hearing.

**Housing Families hosts annual backpack drive**

Housing Families, an agency striving to end family homelessness, is currently hosting its annual backpack drive. From now until August 5, Housing Families is collecting and distributing new, quality backpacks, and school supplies for children in its programs. The agency is especially in need of new backpacks, binders, notebooks, markers, calculators, loose-leaf notebook paper, highlighters, and scissors. Gift cards to purchase supplies are also accepted.

The backpacks and supplies will send students back to school prepared for academic success, and will also help support Housing Families' programs throughout the year.

Housing Families recently expanded its programs, doubling the number of families and children served.

Housing Families offers daily academic and emotional support to children from homeless and extremely low-income families.

To see a list of requested items and to learn more about Housing Families and the work they do to assist homeless families in Malden and Greater Boston visit [www.housingfamilies.org](http://www.housingfamilies.org), or contact Patty Kelly at [pkelly@housingfamilies.org](mailto:pkelly@housingfamilies.org).

About Housing Families: Housing Families Inc. (HFI) was founded in 1986 by community members concerned about the growing crisis of homelessness among families in the cities of Everett, Malden, and Medford. Since then, HFI has grown into one of the largest providers of family shelter in Massachusetts and has served over 2,800 families. HFI's central mission is to help families build the skills and understanding they need to make a successful transition into their own home, and to prevent any recurrence of homelessness. For more information, please visit [www.housingfamilies.org](http://www.housingfamilies.org).

**CONNOR** (from pg. 1)

her product, she wondered, "Is anyone going to buy this?"

It sold out within the week.

Months later the store boasts loyal customers looking specifically for Little G's ice cream. You can now find her ice cream at two other locations: Bee's Knees Supply Co., in Allston and Formaggio Kitchen in Cambridge. Orders for deliveries can be made online at [www.littlegicecreamco.com](http://www.littlegicecreamco.com).

Now that school is out for the summer, this rising senior is using all of her free time churning up ice cream and testing new flavors.

"It's not really work for me," said Connor. "I'm not one to hang out at the beach."

Her love for making ice cream began when she ran a small business out of her house making baked goods for family and friends. While she was experimenting with ice cream by putting her baked goods into them she realized that people really enjoyed the combination.

Connor said she pretty much makes all the ice cream by herself. The little help that she get's is from

her mom who helps with dishes and putting labels on the pints.

As far as having fun with friends at school she said, "I'm so busy when I'm at school - between doing homework at school to be able to leave by three - then focusing on this business for the rest of the afternoon that a lot of people don't know about it."

She joked saying, "I guess they think it's cool," after some friends found out she was in the Boston Globe.

In the future, Connor hopes to take a gap year to build up her business to be able to run on its own. That way she can later attend college for business with a possible focus in food science.

Connor also hopes to expand her business to larger known stores such as Whole Foods.

As of now, her dream is to continue to share her ice cream with as many people as possible.

"I don't really do it for the money," said Connor. "I like people sampling and trying it for the first time - that's what I like."

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A look at the properties that BU may soon sell. The Citgo sign that rests atop the properties has been the center of conflict amongst Bostonians since selling the properties was first mentioned.

## Boston University looking to sell several properties in Kenmore Sq.

By Beth Treffeisen

Kenmore Square may soon look a lot different.

In a report put out by Boston University this past Thursday, the school has hired a broker to manage the sale of nine buildings that line Kenmore square, one of which houses Barnes & Noble where the famous CITGO sign resides.

Currently the sign is under review by the Boston Landmarks Commission to become an official landmark.

The decision to sell the buildings that sit on the north side of Kenmore Square between 648 Beacon Street to 541 Commonwealth Avenue, and 11-19 Deerfield Street, comes as part of a four-decade-long effort to upgrade Kenmore Square to the entrance into the university.

In BU Today, Gary Nicksa, the senior vice president of operations says the University will work with Newmark Grubb Night Frank, a real-estate advisory firm, to sell the 334,000 square feet of commercial space.

The developer, Related Beal, according to The Real Reporter will acquire the buildings that are reportedly being sold for upwards \$145 million that could approach a price of \$150 million.

Currently, Barnes & Noble, Bertucci's restaurant, Cornwall's Pub, and several other tenants

occupy the space.

Nicksa stated in BU Today that the University has considered selling the properties several times in recent years but that the current climate of the Boston real-estate market persuaded BU leadership to act now due to the significant increase of value in the properties from several years ago.

President Robert A. Brown said in the report that the sales of the properties are an opportunity to raise capital needed for investment in its core mission of teaching, research, and student services.

As far as the famous CITGO sign that has resided in that spot since 1965, a spokesman for BU said they are unable to address how the sign that is owned by CITGO Petroleum Company currently in its pending status to become an official landmark will affect future developers decisions.

The spokesman stated through e-mail that BU has a long-term interest in the ongoing development of Kenmore Square and the possible sale of those properties will not change that. Any future development would be subject to a public process and approval by the city and the community.

President Brown said in BU Today, "We want to promote development that makes Kenmore Square an even more vibrant part of the city and gateway to the BU Campus."

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## FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN SPORT FREE WALKING TOURS

By Beth Treffeisen

Under the bright afternoon sun, two southern women, Sidney Kenyon under a straw hat and Sherley Gardner-Smith both wearing green aprons greeted passersby in front of the “Make Way for Ducklings” statue in the Boston Public Garden.

Together they announced to a small group made up of mostly visitors, “Welcome from the Friends of the Public Garden to you!”

As part of the free walking tours that happen May through September every Tuesday through Thursday at 10:00am and 4:00pm the “Untold stories of the Public Garden” hosts welcome both tourists and locals alike to learn the secrets behind one of the most famous parks in the country.

For the second year the free tours have been winding their way through the park teaching the curious about the history, the sculptures, and horticulture of America’s first public botanical garden.

“It is a busy afternoon here in the garden,” said Kenyon on this past Wednesday afternoon tour. “We have a lot of musicians, runners and a lot of people playing Pokemon Go,” she joked.

Tours last one hour and two volunteer docents lead each

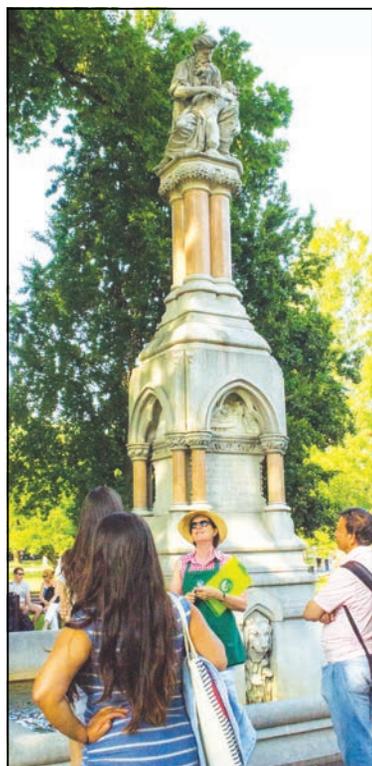
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Sidney Kenyon to the left and to the right Sherley Gardner-Smith lead the tour to visitors.



Kenyon and Gardner-Smith walk briskly to their next talking point, leading the tour of the Boston Public Gardens.



The tour stops to learn about the Ether Fountain, the oldest monument from 1868.



Gardner-Smith points to the difference between a Ginkgo tree leaf and a fern leaf.



A look at the flowerbeds near the Washington statue.



A board captures beetles infecting the tree with Dutch elm disease

### VALUATIONS

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*The Yellow Jacket*  
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**MONTAGUE DAWSON (1890-1973)**  
*The Sir Lancelot - 1865*  
Sold for \$68,750

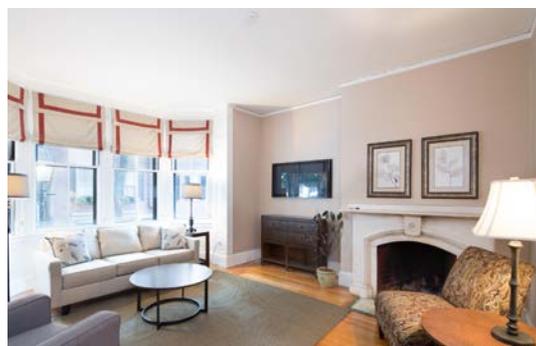
03  
**EMIL NOLDE (1867-1956)**  
*Sonnenblumen und kleine Blüten*  
Sold for \$125,000

04  
**YUE MINJUN (B. 1962)**  
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## EIGHT STREETS STOOP NIGHT

Photos by Seth Daniel

The Eight Streets Neighborhood Association in the South End held its first Stoop Night of the summer this past Thursday, July 14. Residents gathered on their stoops

all along Waltham Street and invited guests from the street and from all over the Eight Streets to come by for wine, cheese and neighborly conversation. Look for more stoop nights in Eight Streets this summer.



Waltham Street residents and their dog enjoyed the stoop.



A crowd of friends gathered on the stoop in front of 89 Waltham St., where owners Susan Samoiloff and Joe Blasi played host.



Enjoying some Hawaiian wine were John Bigda, Allyson Chesebro and Joan Simpkins.



Gerard Venezia, Emily Ryzak, Al Lovata, Jonathan Litt, David Cash, Jonathan Gilbert, Leah Fernandez, and Jason Fernandez.

## FOPG (from pg. 13)

tour. Only about one-half of the garden is covered in the tour from Beacon Street to the bridge due to the over whelming amount of information that they cover. Tours may be canceled due to inclement weather.

Private tours are also available and based on the availability of tour guides.

The non-profit Friends of the Public Garden protect and improve Boston's first public parks including the Boston Common, Public Garden, and the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

Founded in 1970, the organization was created by a group of concerned citizens after seeing a decline of maintenance in the parks. Now, they fund expert care of trees, plantings and restoration of sculptures. They also act as advocates and speak up for the protection of these parks against misuse and encroachment along with educating the public about park issues.

"Trees need care just like people need care," said Gardner-Smith. She said it takes about a million dollars a year to keep the three

parks running and maintained.

While meandering throughout the park designed by George Meacham in 1859, the tour guides go back and forth sharing stories behind why certain trees have tack boards on them – to attract beetles carrying the Dutch elm disease affecting the trees – to the history behind the colorful flower beds lining the Washington monument.

"Trends change, things move on, but not here in Boston," said Kenyon pointing to why the flowerbeds are presented tightly packed together making them

seem gaudy.

She added they still display tropical plants, that are housed in green houses in Franklin park over the winter, during the warmer months because when they were first planted back in the day people have never seen them before dubbing them exotic.

The docents act as if they are the guardian angels of the park and show pride in themselves for keeping the parks beautiful, open and free to all to enjoy.

While stopping someone riding a bicycle over the bridge Gardner-

Smith said, "We kind of have to be police and it's awful!" who also stopped a woman on a scooter earlier and later picked up flying plastic bag.

Both Kenyon and Gardner-Smith who are part of a group of 22 volunteers said they started up the tours to teach Bostonians about Friends of the Public Garden but found that tourists love it too because of the amount of history laid out in the parks.

But, Kenyon said that every single local person leaves saying, "I had no idea!"

# BOSTON SENDS OFF ITS DELEGATES TO THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION



Mayor Walsh addressed the press at South Station with other delegates before boarding a train to the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia, as Sen. President Stan Rosenberg looks on. "We are one Boston and we need to be one nation and make sure Hillary Clinton is elected as president," said Walsh.



Delegates and Hillary supporters boarded the Amtrak Train for Philadelphia.



Joe Ricard and Joe Brogan played as part of the Rag Time Band during the Democratic sendoff at South Station to the DNC.



Mayor Martin Walsh boards the train headed to the DNC while a man dances to the tunes of the band on the promenade, the James Bond theme.



Boston Councilor At-Large Anissa Essaibi George holds a Hillary Clinton sign.



Councilor At-Large Ayanna Pressley spoke about her support for Hillary Clinton.



The delegates wave their final goodbyes as the train leaves for Philadelphia.

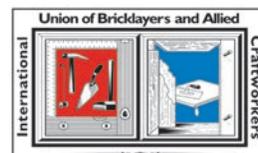


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## D - 4 POLICE NEWS

**Bad houseguest**

On Monday, July 18, at around 4:57 p.m., officers responded to a radio call for a fight at 8 Conventry St.

Upon arrival, police saw the front door of an apartment was open and observed what appeared to be a struggle inside the unit. Officers also observed a plant with soil on the ground, blood splattered on the walls and what appeared to be the leg of a table on the floor.

The male victim, who appeared to be distressed, told police that the suspect had just left, and that it was the suspect's fault. He spoke quickly, as if he short of breathe, and would continuously stand up and then sit down. Officers observed that what appeared to be an open wound on the back left-side of the victim's head, as well as blood on his arms and legs.

When police asked the victim what happened, he said he was confused by the circumstances, but that he let the male suspect into his apartment who proceeded to attack the victim as he was making

himself something to eat. The victim said the suspect punched him before hitting him with a stick, adding that he was fighting for his jewelry and his wallet was missing.

Paramedics arrived on the scene to treat the victim, and Boston Police detectives were summoned to photograph the crime scene. The victim was transported to Boston Medical Center for further treatment, and police secured his apartment before delivering his keys to the victim in the hospital.

**Watching the market**

On Monday, July 18, at about 4:05 a.m., police responded to a radio call to the Symphony Market at 1130 Boylston St. for a removal of a homeless man on the premises.

On the scene, officers spoke to the victim who said that the suspect always comes into the store and behaves in an unruly manner. He added earlier that evening, he had a brief argument with the suspect when he told him not to stand outside the market. The

victim said he walked outside to dispose of the garbage a short time later when the suspect brandished a knife and said to the victim, "If you call 911, I will kill you."

The victim wasn't injured, and the suspect fled in unknown direction.

Police searched the area for the suspect with negative results.

**Wrong number**

On Tuesday, July 19, at approximately 11:04 a.m., police responded to a radio call for harassment at a hair salon at 71 Newbury St.

At that location, officers spoke to the manager, who said an unknown person with a strange voice had been calling the business frequently. The calls contained lewd and inappropriate language and referenced female employees at the business, he said.

The manager provided police with the caller's name and number as they appeared on the salon's caller ID, and police attempted to contact the suspect to no avail to inform the unknown caller that

any further calls to the business could lead to criminal charges.

**Making a withdrawal**

On Thursday, July 21, at around midnight, an officer responded to 652 Tremont St. for a report of an armed robbery.

Upon arrival, the victim told the officers that he had been sitting on the steps at that location when a male suspect riding a small-framed bicycle with high handle bars and a "banana seat" stopped, dropped his bike and walked around the corner. The suspect returned a short time later, walked up the stairs and brandished a knife, which he pressed into the victim's left side.

After the suspect demanded his money, the victim handed over \$60 to him. The suspect demanded more money, but fled when the victim said that was all he had.

The officer was notified that nearby cameras had captured the suspect fleeing the scene.

The victim refused medical attention, and a search of the area

for the suspect by police was to no avail.

**Early-bird special**

On Friday, July 22, at about 3:12 a.m. police responded to a call for a breaking and entering in progress at the 7-Eleven at 252 West Newton St.

At that location, police spoke to the store clerk, who said the store was closed for business, when the unknown suspect shattered the front glass with a brick before reaching in and unlocking the door. Once inside, the suspect saw the clerk and ran towards him. The clerk barricaded himself in the back storage-room and called 911 before the suspect fled in an unknown direction.

The clerk said he didn't think the suspect stole anything, but that he would complete a thorough inventory of the store.

The video surveillance system wasn't operational at the time of the incident, and the clerk told police he would remain on the premises until his manager arrived.

## BREAKDOWN OF CRIME LOG

**MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS**

Thorndike/Washington streets - Motor Vehicle Accident - Leaving Scene - Property Damage  
Commonwealth Avenue/Deerfield Street - Motor Vehicle Accident - Involving Bicycle - Injury  
Beacon/Berkeley streets - Motor Vehicle Accident - Personal Injury  
Lenox Street/Shawmut Avenue - Motor Vehicle Accident - Other  
400 Stuart St. - Motor Vehicle Accident involving Pedestrian - Injury  
Harrison Avenue/Northampton Street - Motor Vehicle Accident - Personal Injury; Violation of Auto Law- Operating without License  
Tremont/West Dedham streets - Motor Vehicle Accident - Leaving Scene - Property Damage  
83 Newbury St. - Motor Vehicle Accident - Leaving Scene - Property Damage  
35 Northampton St. - Motor Vehicle Accident - Property Damage  
1483 Beacon St. - Motor Vehicle Accident - Property Damage  
Harrison Avenue/Northampton Street - Motor Vehicle Accident - Involving Pedestrian - No Injury  
Harrison Avenue/Northampton Street - Motor Vehicle Accident - Leaving Scene - Property Damage  
7 Warren Ave. - Motor Vehicle Accident - Property Damage  
120 Huntington Ave. - Motor Vehicle Accident - Leaving Scene - Property Damage

**CAR BREAK-INS**

475 Commonwealth Ave. - Larceny - Theft from Motor Vehicle - Non-Accessory  
Belvidere Street/Massachusetts Avenue - Larceny - Theft from Motor Vehicle - Non-Accessory; Vandalism  
600 Tremont St. - Auto Theft - Motorcycle/Scooter  
400 Commonwealth Ave. - Larceny - Theft from

Motor Vehicle - Non-Accessory  
145 Saint Botolph St - Larceny - Theft from Motor Vehicle - Non-Accessory  
320 Newbury St. - Larceny - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories  
381 Commonwealth Ave. - Larceny - Theft from Motor Vehicle - Non-Accessory  
390 Commonwealth Ave. - Larceny - Theft from Motor Vehicle - Non-Accessory  
East Newton Street/Harrison Avenue - Larceny - Theft from Motor Vehicle - Non-Accessory  
15 Commonwealth Ave. - Larceny - Theft from Motor Vehicle - Non-Accessory  
1 Cambria St. - Larceny - Theft from Motor Vehicle - Non-Accessory, Vandalism  
Back/Dartmouth streets - Larceny - Theft from Motor Vehicle - Non-Accessory, Vandalism  
70 Queensberry St. - Auto Theft

**DRUG ARRESTS**

803 Massachusetts Ave. - Drugs - Possession of a Class C Substance  
4 San Juan St. - Assault - Aggravated - Battery; Assault Simple - Battery, Drugs - Possession of a Class B Substance- Cocaine, etc.

**HOME BREAK-INS**

280 Newbury St. - Larceny - Theft from Building  
815 Albany St. - Larceny - Theft from Building  
794 Massachusetts Ave. - Larceny - Theft from Building  
240 Newbury St. - Larceny - Theft from Building  
800 Boylston St. - Larceny - Theft from Building  
1234 Washington St. - Larceny - Theft from Building  
120 Huntington Ave. - Larceny - Theft from Building  
672 Tremont St. - Larceny - Theft from Building  
1271 Boylston St. - Larceny - Theft from Building

**DOWNTOWN VIEW** (from pg. 2)

could resolve that conflict because a state agency, the Department of Transportation or MassDoT, is responsible for that traffic circle. It was resolved quickly, he said, because MassDoT has resources. When problems occur on areas over which the Department of Conservation and Recreation has jurisdiction, they can linger because that agency is poorly funded and it hasn't sufficient manpower.

Jay's district (Eighth Suffolk) is also in Cambridge where it extends from Kendall Square, goes west along the river through Cambridgeport and includes Central Square. He said there is less expectation in Cambridge that a state rep would get involved in city matters. He believes part of the reason is that with only 100,000 residents, Cambridge has less of a bureaucracy than does Boston with its 650,000 residents. Also since all city councilors in Cambridge represent the entire city there are more people to go to for help than in Boston.

His Cambridge constituents pay more attention to state matters than do his Boston constituents, he said. He gets more email from Cambridge constituents than he does from Boston. Cantabrigians contact him about every progressive cause—gas leaks, energy policy, gender pay

equity. That bill was due to pass the House on the day I interviewed Jay, who was the lead sponsor of the bill.

The legislature has made progress on many of these matters, and Jay would like to turn some of his attention to creating some rules about cameras that are deployed by government agencies.

Jay has undergone many changes in his life since being elected to the House in 2013 in a special election. He has gotten married. He has become the father of young Henry, now almost five months old, and he will show you a picture of the cute little boy if you ask. He ran unsuccessfully for the Massachusetts Senate this past year in a special election, and he is running again for his House seat in the primary this September against a Cambridge resident, Keith Richard Anderson of Whitney Street, who can't be found on the Internet and is known by no one in Cambridgeport that I contacted.

Go visit Jay for a chat during one of his neighborhood sessions. He's interesting to talk with and knows a lot about this district some of us call home.

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# BACK BAY - KENMORE/FENWAY - SOUTH END POLICE LOG

## July 18

20 Westland Ave. - Property - Lost  
 76 Peterborough St. - Sick/Injured/Medical - Person  
 33 Kilmarnock St - D4 - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 10 East Springfield St. - Vandalism  
 8 Coventry St. - Robbery - Other  
 444 Harrison Ave. - Failure to Register as a Sex Offender  
 444 Harrison Ave. - Threats to Do Bodily Harm  
 560 Shawmut Ave - D4 - Assault Simple - Battery, Vandalism  
 183 Massachusetts Ave. - Vandalism  
 569 Columbus Ave. - Vandalism  
 307 Huntington Ave. - Property - Missing  
 90 Warren Ave. - Missing Person  
 30 Northampton St. - Threats to Do Bodily Harm  
 780 Albany St. - Fraud - False Pretense/Scheme  
 67 Newbury St. - Assault Simple - Battery  
 10 East Brookline St. - Missing Person - Not Reported - Located  
 1130 Boylston St. - Assault - Aggravated; Threats to Do Bodily Harm  
 Park Drive/Boylston Street - Robbery - Street

## July 19

Dartmouth/Newbury streets - Assault Simple - Battery  
 16 East Brookline St. - Threats to Do Bodily Harm  
 525 Tremont St. - Missing Person - Not Reported - Located  
 2000 Washington St. - Property - Lost  
 300 Harrison Ave. - Investigate Person  
 142 Newbury St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 197 Massachusetts Ave. - Vandalism  
 4 East Brookline St. - Open and Gross Lewdness  
 222 Newbury St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 Van Ness Street/Yawkey Way - Larceny - All Others  
 535 Massachusetts Ave. - Assault Simple - Battery  
 88 East Newton St. - Investigate Person  
 200 Northampton St. - Robbery - Other  
 307 Huntington Ave. - Failure to Register as a Sex Offender  
 24 Yawkey Way - Investigate Property  
 Albany Street/Massachusetts Avenue - Assault - Aggravated - Battery; Robbery - Street  
 860 Harrison Ave. - Investigate Person  
 745 Boylston St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 361 Massachusetts Ave. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 71 Newbury St. - Harassment  
 100 Huntington Ave. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 801 Massachusetts Ave. - Assault Simple - Battery; Robbery - Street  
 234 Commonwealth Ave. - Assault Simple - Battery  
 78 Bay State Road - Towed Motor Vehicle  
 58 Queensberry St. - Fraud - Credit Card/ATM Fraud  
 74 Hemenway St. - Towed Motor Vehicle

## July 20

Jersey/Queensberry streets - Assault - Aggravated  
 618 Shawmut Ave. - Violation of Auto Law - Operating Unregistered/Uninsured Car  
 343 Newbury St. - Property - Lost  
 209 Columbus Ave. - Vandalism  
 647 Boylston St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 Boylston/Dartmouth streets - Assault Simple - Battery  
 87 Saint Stephen St. - Assault - Aggravated  
 337 Newbury St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 224 Newbury St. - Larceny - All Others  
 53 Hereford St. - Assault - Simple  
 248 Marlborough St. - Auto Theft - Motorcycle/Scooter  
 24 Yawkey Way - Investigate Property  
 531 Newbury St. - Investigate Person  
 771 Albany St. - Assault - Aggravated - Battery  
 133 Brookline Ave. - Investigate Person  
 784 Massachusetts Ave. - Larceny - All Others  
 35 Northampton St. - Assault Simple - Battery  
 800 Boylston St. - Assault - Aggravated; Larceny Shoplifting  
 700 Boylston St. - Larceny - Theft of Bicycle  
 784 Massachusetts Ave. - Sick/Injured/Medical - Person  
 659 Massachusetts Ave. - Towed Motor Vehicle  
 1000 Washington St. - Larceny - Theft of Bicycle  
 135 Clarendon St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 240 Newbury St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 69 Park Drive - Vandalism  
 89 Northampton St. - Robbery - Street

## July 21

652 Tremont St. - Robbery - Street  
 1185 Boylston St. - Assault Simple - Battery  
 110 Huntington Ave. - Property - Lost  
 East Newton Street/Harrison Avenue - Stolen Property - Buying/Receiving/Possessing; Violation of Auto Law - Operating without License  
 800 Boylston St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 Fenway Park - Investigate Property  
 444 Harrison Ave. - Assault Simple - Battery  
 800 Boylston St. - Property - Lost  
 700 Boylston St. - Assault Simple - Battery; Disorderly Conduct; Threats to Do Bodily Harm  
 6 Durham St. - Possession of Burglary Tools; Stolen Property - Buying/Receiving/Possessing; Warrant Arrest  
 222 Newbury St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 440 Boylston St. - Larceny - All Others  
 9 Melnea Cass Boulevard - Warrant Arrest  
 23 Monsignor Reynolds Way - Investigate Property  
 I1271 Boylston St. - Investigate Person  
 100 Huntington Ave. - Larceny Pick-Pocket, Stolen Property - Buying/Receiving/Possessing  
 17 Union Park St. - Towed Motor Vehicle  
 794 Massachusetts Ave. - Violation of Restraining Order with No Arrest  
 150 Huntington Ave. - Vandalism  
 100 Brookline Ave. - Assault - Aggravated; Motor Vehicle Accident - Leaving Scene - Property Damage

## July 22

2 Lattimore Court - Assault Simple - Battery  
 440 Boylston St. - Larceny - All Others  
 1747 Washington St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 Brookline Avenue/Lansdowne Street - Assault Simple - Battery  
 Brookline Avenue/Lansdowne Street - Investigate Person  
 78 Chandler St. - Harassment  
 121 West Concord St. - Investigate Property  
 444 Harrison Ave. - Warrant Arrest  
 26 Worcester St. - Robbery - Other  
 270 Dartmouth St. - Property - Found  
 20 East Brookline St. - Investigate Person  
 33 Kilmarnock St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 771 Albany St. - Assault - Aggravated - Battery  
 80 West Dedham St. - Harassment  
 480 Boylston St. - Larceny - All Others

785 Tremont St. - Threats to Do Bodily Harm  
 Van Ness Street/Yawkey Way - Investigate Property  
 82 Newbury St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 Shawmut Avenue/West Dedham St. - Vandalism  
 223 Albany St. - Property - Accidental Damage  
 535 Boylston St. - Investigate Person  
 130 Dartmouth St. - Larceny - All Others  
 2 Dartmouth St. - Investigate Property  
 1826 Washington St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 Harrison Avenue/Waltham Street - Assault - Aggravated - Battery  
 69 Lenox St. - Robbery - Street  
 531 Newbury St. - Vandalism  
 252 West Newton St. - Burglary - Commercial - Force  
 Lenox Street/Shawmut Avenue - Assault Simple - Battery  
 300 Shawmut Ave. - Verbal Dispute

## July 23

387 Marlborough St. - Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol; Violation of Auto Law - Operating After Revocation/Suspension  
 26 East Brookline St. - Investigate Property  
 577 Massachusetts Ave. - Missing Person  
 100 Norway St. - Property - Accidental Damage  
 7 Worcester St. - Property - Accidental Damage  
 198 West Springfield St. - Property - Accidental Damage  
 61 Exeter St. - Sick/Injured/Medical - Person  
 Brookline Avenue/Yawkey Way - Property - Lost  
 8 Gloucester St. - Larceny - Theft of Bicycle  
 24 Yawkey Way - Investigate Property  
 242 East Berkeley St. - Assault Simple - Battery  
 497 Boylston St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 31 Queensberry St. - Investigate Property  
 200 Newbury St. - Larceny - All Others  
 35 Northampton St. - Sick/Injured/Medical - Person  
 316 Huntington Ave. - Verbal Dispute  
 14 East Brookline St. - Investigate Person  
 460 Harrison Ave. - Fire Report - Car, Brush, etc.  
 89 Canton St. - Vandalism  
 794 Massachusetts Ave. - Investigate Person  
 24 Yawkey Way - Investigate Property  
 55 Traveler St. - Property - Lost  
 1411 Commonwealth Ave. - Vandalism

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201 Brookline Ave. - Larceny - Theft of Bicycle  
 784 Massachusetts Ave. - Assault - Aggravated - Battery  
 132 West Concord St. - Investigate Person  
 52 Clearway St. - Assault - Aggravated, Vandalism  
 1200 Boylston St. - Fire Report - Car, Brush, etc.  
 1603 Washington St. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 77 Exeter St. - Investigate Person  
 Shawmut Avenue/West Dedham Street - Assault Simple - Battery  
 350 Stuart St. - Towed Motor Vehicle  
 119 West Concord St. - Investigate Property  
 1701 Washington St. - Assault Simple - Battery  
 53 Huntington Ave. - Larceny - Shoplifting  
 764 Tremont St. - Towed Motor Vehicle  
 840 Harrison Ave. - Assault - Aggravated  
 Northampton/Washington streets - Assault - Aggravated  
 24 Yawkey Way - Investigate Property  
 Brookline Avenue/Lansdowne Street - Larceny - All Others  
 100 Peterborough St. - Investigate Person  
 99 Norway St. - Robbery - Other  
 59 Camden St. - Vandalism  
 24 Clearway St. - Vandalism  
 15 Lansdowne St. - License Premise Violation; Sick/Injured/Medical - Person  
 Albany/East Newton streets - Verbal Dispute  
 2 East Brookline St. - Assault - Simple

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# MR. BOSTON

I'll pay you to find out what they're thinking

By Phineas J. Stone



This isn't going to be about the two political conventions, so relax; I know we've all had just a little too much of the bluster and buffoonery from both of our leading camps of civilized discourse.

But I am going to start with a reference.

After watching a little of both conventions, I'm convinced I have deciphered the notes from both of the top "buzz word" consultants who are whispering in the ears of the major parties. I've learned from both conventions that people out there are fighting for me. In fact, there's a lot of fighting going on in my name. About 2,000 or more times, I have born witness to the fact that the issues I hold dear are being fought for tooth and nail by the people there on the television.

They're fighting for freedoms I don't even want.

Some state-level leader from the other side of the country promised he would fight for the values that are near and dear to my heart. It's remarkable because I know I've

never met him to tell him what to fight for in my name.

If you're like me, in all reality, it doesn't feel like too many people are doing any fighting for me. Seems like they're all only fighting for their own glamorous lives, and the perpetuation of such. If you care about the price of a gallon of milk or how you're going to heat your house this winter - they're not going to fight for that. They don't even know about that stuff.

So my conclusion is we have to blame the consultants.

Both parties must have employed the same consulting firm to tell them what we all want to hear, which is that there's a fight a-brewin'.

In Boston, we have so many consultants telling people so many things. There are so many competing ideas floating around that the message changes daily based on market surveys conducted by these consultants and shared with their clients. Big money is paid in Boston these days to find out what I, and you, are thinking at any

given moment.

Years ago, when I was on the beat, I once rushed to Deer Island to a major news conference about the water and sewer rates in Boston. Three Congressmen were there, as was the director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. There were state officials, and then a horde of consultants. There might have been 100 consultants. The consultants buzzed about and whispered in the ear of the state officials, pointing out the key players.

I, however, was the only press at the press conference.

I wondered had I not shown up for the news conference, would it have been news? It's kind of the same idea as if a tree falls in the woods and no one is there to hear it...

They must have paid \$100,000 that day in consulting fees just to figure out how to tell me in the right way what they were doing.

I cannot even recall what they were doing.

Nowadays it's Millennials

that people are scrambling for. Everyone wants to know what they're doing, what they're thinking, how much money they really have, and, naturally, what they will do with that money.

I read recently that Coca-Cola paid a group of consultants \$20,000 an hour to find out what Millennials think and how the company can make them happy as employees. Should we put a coffee bar in the cafeteria of the world's leading soda manufacturer, they wondered?. So, they paid an ungodly amount of money to a group of folks who specialize in telling corporations and politicians, all far removed from the everyday life of the common folk, what people are thinking. It's like we're perceived as a horde of bees with only the ability to think collectively.

My ultimate favorite, however, was a corporation (who will remain nameless) who recently paid millions of dollars to a large consulting firm to figure out the habits and patterns of Millennials.

That consulting firm, in turn, went out and hired a firm that was to round up Millennials and talk to them. In the end, a small office hosted a roundtable with some young people who were herded in through some fliers and a newspaper ad promising gift cards to Starbucks.

The office provided the coffee, and I guess they chatted.

That report must have been worth its weight in gold.

In the end, no one knows what all of us out here in the great wide open are thinking, and that's because we don't exactly know either - whether young, old, rich, poor, black or white. I know that because yesterday I was thinking that consultants were valuable. This morning, I read about Coca-Cola, laughed out loud as I considered the idea, and now I don't think that anymore.

By tomorrow, I might have changed my mind again.

## Mohona Siddique steps down as City Councilor Zakim's neighborhood liaison

By Dan Murphy

After more than two years in the position, Mohona Siddique is stepping down as City Councilor Josh Zakim's neighborhood liaison at the end of the week to pursue a master's degree in city planning from the University of Pennsylvania.

"My role in shaping the landscape of city comes from advocating for the community," Siddique said. "Compared to other cities, Boston has a very community-driven development process, so getting my master's in city planning will allow me to shift from community advocacy to the development or policy side."

Siddique first came to the Boston area from her hometown of Chevy Chase, Md., to attend Wellesley College. After graduating with a double major in psychology and Italian studies in 2010, she relocated to Austin, Texas, where she did a year of service as an AmeriCorps volunteer teaching lower-income teens



Mohona Siddique, City Councilor Josh Zakim's neighborhood liaison.

how to navigate the college-application process. Siddique worked on Capitol Hill as an intern for Congressmen Barney Frank and Lloyd Doggett next, before joining President Obama's 2012 campaign in Virginia.

In 2013, Siddique returned to

Boston to work as the field director on the mayoral campaign for Dorchester community activist Bill Walczack.

"I wanted to move back to Boston and knew it would be a really interesting race," she said. "And through that campaign I

met some folks who connected me with Josh."

Siddique began working at Zakim's office in May of 2014 - four months after he began his term as an elected official.

"It's been awesome working for Josh," Siddique said. "He's a champion of housing issues, and just a progressive, dynamic guy. It's been great being involved in a small way in him finding issues that he thinks are important and moving them forward."

Siddique said she feels privileged to have worked not only with Zakim, but also with his constituents. "It's been tremendous opportunity to be involved in all of these neighborhoods that are so well organized and have individuals so passionate about sustaining their communities," she said.

Siddique added, "I'll miss everything about Boston. I love that people here are more straightforward than any place I've been. It's home to me in a lot of ways."

Zakim anticipates Siddique's

departure from his office will be a "period of adjustment," adding that his other staff members are already stepping up to help compensate for her absence.

"We're very sorry to lose Mohona," Zakim said. "She's obviously done a great job of getting to know the downtown neighborhoods and developing great relationships with residents, community leaders and people in the different city department she works with to address constituent concerns."

Zakim added, "I don't think we could have asked for anyone better over the last two couple of years, but we're happy she's advancing in her education and career."

Siddique's replacement will be Kate Bell - a Mt. Holyoke College graduate who previously worked for Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz.

"I think she's going to be really great fit," Siddique said of Bell. "She's very smart and already asking the right questions. She's really excited to be on board."

**FRESH & LOCAL****Wasted food when dining out**

by Penny Cherubino

There are ways for you to cut down on wasted food when you dine out at your favorite restaurants. Too many of us don't think about wasted food when we push away a restaurant plate with food remaining on it. You're not only wasting food, you're also not getting top value for your dining dollars.

**Successful Chefs Notice**

Wasted food is a problem in restaurants. In fact it is one of the reasons restaurants fail. If the owners don't keep an eagle eye on the foodstuffs kitchen staff are putting in their garbage bins, they could find themselves closing shop.

I hope they also notice when food comes back from the dining room and ask, "Are we over serving our customers?" and "Why so much wasted food?" If a plate full of french fries returns to the kitchen, that's wasted food. Many places pile on the fries as a way to make the plate look abundant. It might be smarter to ask the customer if they want a small, medium, or large portion of fries.

**Ordering Better**

If you don't know the size of the meals a place serves, sip a beverage and watch as a few meals come out of the kitchen or ask your server about portion size before you order.

At a recent lunch at Tiger Mama in the Fenway, the bartender alerted the couple next to my husband and me that they were ordering a lot of food. He explained that portion size for their lunch menu is generous. He was right, even with that warning, we came up short of finishing both the bon mi sandwich and salmon salad we ordered. His care for his customers will have us coming back often, but for dinner, since they no longer seem to be open for lunch.

Order in sequence. If you are very hungry when you sit down, start with an item that will arrive quickly, hold onto your menu and order the next item a bit later. Once you've had something to eat, you may order less food than when you were starving and your brain wanted everything.

Sharing menu items is another way to try more of a chef's work without over ordering. We often order an appetizer and an entrée. In many places, this

is more than enough for two. You can also think about ordering an item that will travel home well in a take-out box.

**Some Meals Should Be Shared**

Clam shacks are part of New England summers, but while many of us enjoy the view of an occasional mountain of fried seafood, we are better off ordering smaller

portions or sharing that mountain with friends. Even if the people in our party are big eaters, we no longer order an item-per-person at clam shacks. Over the years, we've learned that sharing one fisherman's platter and adding smaller orders of those items that we all like best, works out. If anyone is still hungry, we can place a second order or stop for ice cream.



*I shared these three fried clams, fried scallops, and a fisherman's platter with three guys known as big eaters and the four of us still left a lot of food behind.*



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# FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN HOST ROOFTOP PARTY

Photos by Samantha Mellman

The Friends of the Public Garden hosted the annual "Summer Party" on Wednesday, July 20, at the Taj Rooftop, which benefitted the non-profit's work on the Boston Common, the Public Garden and the Commonwealth Mall.

The party sold out early, and a crowd of over 225 people enjoyed socializing with drinks and hors d'oeuvres taking in the view from overlooking Boston's iconic parks.

The Friends works in partnership with the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and spends more than \$1 million each

year to ensure that the critical natural and structural features of these parks receive the vital care that they need. The Friends conducts major improvement projects like the \$4 million renovation of the Brewer Fountain Plaza on Boston Common and the upcoming restoration of the George Robert White Memorial fountain in the Garden. The Friends also encourages citizen advocacy, speaking out for protection against park misuse and encroachment, and sponsors educational park programs and family events.

Visit [www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org](http://www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org) for more information.



Friends of the Public Garden Director of Communications Susan Abell and Director of Development Mary Halpin at the Summer Party.



Sisters Juliana and Jacqueline Neves at the Summer Party.



Friends Kimberly Schelling, Jeff Summers, and Catherine Murphy at the Summer Party.



Friends Caroline Destefano, Mary Ellen Dewinter, and Stacy McGrath at the Summer Party.



Friends Miguel Rosales, Sandra Massey, Abigail Mason, and John Corey at the Summer Party.



Board Member Colin Zick sharing a few words with guests at the Friends of the Public Garden Summer Party.



Friends Carolyn Lindsay, Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) President Sam Wallace, Emily Gallup, FOPG Director Liz Vizza, and Georg Schmieder at the Summer Party.



Friends Zainab Sumu Koroma, Samantha Spencer, and Eric Wu enjoying the Summer Party.



Wes Patterson and Ming Yan at the Taj rooftop for the Summer Party.



Josie Haywood, Ann Heimlicher, Fred Windover, and Khalid Mustafa at the Summer Party.

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### WORCESTER SQUARE CONCERT

Photos by Joe Prezioso

The band Penni Layne played in Worcester Square this past Thursday as part of the summer concert jazz series Music on the Square. The next and last concert will be in August.



Penni Layne, lead vocal for the band.



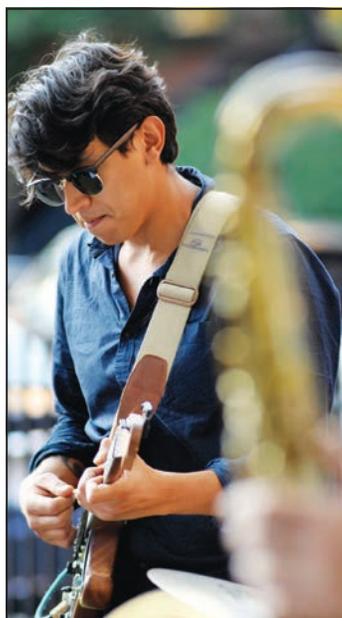
Jeff Reriden laughs at a joke prior to the concert.



Garret Savluk on trumpet.



Aaron Belyea on Sax.



Andreas Echeverry on guitar.



Margaret, Theo and Sophie (dog) Stefater with Emily Southworths and her pup, Dagny.



Freddie Carruthers dances in his chair to the music.



Jordan Armstrong enjoys and ice cream, Green Monster flavor, while listening to the band Penni Layne play.



People sit on their stoops to listen to the band play.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

### 'Concerts in the Courtyard' return to BPL

Boston Public Library's free "Concerts in the Courtyard" take place in courtyard at the Central Library in Copley Square, located at 700 Boylston St., and include the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras' Intensive Community Program on Friday, July 29, at 12:30 p.m.; Kyle Thornton and the Company on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m.; Kenn Morr Band on Friday, Aug. 5, at 12:30 p.m.; Njoki Karu on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 6 p.m.; Hiroya Tsukamoto on Friday, Aug. 12, at 12:30 p.m.; James Fernando on Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 6 p.m.; Yi David Yang on Friday, Aug. 19, at 12:30 p.m.; Honeysuckle on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 6 p.m.; Boston Lyric Opera on Friday, Aug. 26, at 12:30

p.m.; and Aliya Cycon Project on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m.

Visit [www.bpl.org/concerts](http://www.bpl.org/concerts) for more information.

### Volunteers needed for American Cancer Society cosmetic sessions

The American Cancer Society is currently seeking volunteers for the "Look Good...Feel Better" sessions held at Tufts Medical Center, 800 Washington St. "Look Good...Feel Better" is a free program that teaches cancer patients hands-on cosmetic techniques to help them cope with appearance-related side effects from chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. Cosmetologists certified and trained by the American Cancer Society conduct the sessions, which are non-medical and

do not promote any product line. Volunteers are needed to assist the cosmetologist conducting the session and are responsible for set-up, cleanup, and any other needs of the program. Programs are held from noon to 2 p.m., one Monday every other month. For more information or to volunteer, contact Nanyamka Hales at 781-314-2611 or via e-mail at [Nanyamka.Hales@cancer.org](mailto:Nanyamka.Hales@cancer.org), or visit [cancer.org](http://cancer.org).

### Untold Stories of the Public Garden' tours

Friends of the Public Garden is offering free "Untold Stories of the Public Garden" tours that meet at the "Make Way for Ducklings" statues on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., weather permitting. Compassionate Friends group

reaches out to bereaved parents, families

The Boston Chapter of The Compassionate Friends (TCF) meets at Trinity Church on the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

TCF is a national self-help, mutual-assistance organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved parents and their families. Call 617-539-6424 or e-mail [tcfofboston@gmail.com](mailto:tcfofboston@gmail.com) for more information.

### SoWa Artists Guild's 'First Friday'

On the "First Friday" of each month, including Aug. 5, from 5 to 9 p.m., more than 80 artists open their studios at 450 Harrison Ave. Meet the artists in their element and view their latest works.

The SoWa Artists Guild strives to make its art and artists accessible to everyone. The event is free, and parking is available. For more information, call 978-337-4191 or visit [www.SOWAartists.com](http://www.SOWAartists.com).

### Volunteer at Spaulding Rehab

Stay active, meet new people and be connected with your community by volunteering at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. Staff members will match your skills and interests to a volunteer opportunity. The hospital is currently recruiting volunteers, ages 18 and up, for two- to three-hour-a-week shifts for a minimum of six to 12 months commitment. Visit [www.spauldingnetwork.org](http://www.spauldingnetwork.org) for more information.

## Esplanade Friends Council hosts summer dock party

A gorgeous summer sunset over the Charles River created the perfect scenery for guests at the Esplanade Summer Dock Party on Thursday, July 21.

Hosted by the Esplanade Friends Council, this marked the sixth year for the Dock Party, which has been held annually on the docks of Community Boating Inc.

Over the past three years the Dock Party has become a Boston social calendar staple and has sold out weeks in advance. In addition to being a fantastic party, the event raises valuable funds for the Esplanade Association, the 10-percent privately funded park



Ben Zimbell and Annie Pemberton.

friends group for the Charles River Esplanade. This year the party raised a record \$30,000.

Between 7 and 10:30 p.m., around 200 guests gathered to enjoy a sunset dinner and drinks, followed by dessert and dancing on the docks. The event included an introduction from DJ Kennedy or Mix 104.1, as well as a perfect mix of music from DJs of Boston. Along with a BBQ dinner guests enjoyed a selection of beer from Sam Adams, a wine selection from Chloe Wines and delicious dessert provided by Cookie Uncommon and Sweet, and CLIF bar.

Additional event partners

included JetBlue, who donated two round-trip airline tickets, and Daria McClean of Gibson Sotheby's.

All proceeds from this year's event will directly benefit the Esplanade Association's campaign to restore the historic Lotta Fountain as a place of cultural significance and a resource for pets and their owners. The six-foot stone fountain was constructed in 1939 in the name of entertainer and philanthropist Lotta Crabtree and for generations it provided a destination for dog owners visiting the Charles River Esplanade. However after years of neglect, the fountain no longer works and needs significant conservational and engineering repairs. With the public's support, the restorations of this treasured and useful landmark is expected to be complete in the fall of 2016.

The party was an amazing opportunity to gather supporters and celebrate the park while generating awareness for this great project.

The Esplanade Association hopes to continue to increase awareness for this effort in the coming months. They invite park visitors to donate to the campaign or show support by joining their "Dog Days of Summer" media contest. Through August, dog owners can post pictures of their furry friends in the park and tag #MyEsplanade and/or #LottaBostonDogs. Winners will be featured in an upcoming "Dogs of the Esplanade" calendar.



Rosalita's Puppets performing on the Boston Common.

### 'Puppets on the Common' returns Aug. 16

The Friends of the Public Garden will present the sixth annual presentation of its popular "Puppets on the Common" show featuring Rosalita's Puppets from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common.

Master puppeteer and creative director Charlotte Dore will direct a performance of the marionette show "The Enchanted Castle and Royal Park," with Princess Krystal and Fairy Godmother Glitter and all their puppet friends.

The show is free, open to the public and designed for "kids of all ages." It is underwritten by a grant from the M. Holt Massey Charitable Trust.

Dore founded Rosalita's Puppets over 18 years ago. In

addition to writing and performing all her shows, she builds her own puppets and backdrops, occasionally by recycling and adapting existing objects and toys. She has been profiled in the Boston Globe and has won a number of awards.

Puppets on the Common is one of many programs and activities sponsored by the Friends of the Public Garden, a non-profit citizen's advocacy group founded in 1970 to preserve, protect and enhance the Boston Common and Commonwealth Avenue Mall as well as the Public Garden, in collaboration with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information visit [www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org](http://www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org) or call 617-723-8144.



Aaron and Jenna Bates.

## AUGUST HAPPENINGS AT THE BOSTON PUBLIC MARKET

Beat the heat with seasonal tomatoes, refreshing drinks, and ice-cream sundaes!

**BOSTON** – Savor your last month of summer and come see what's buzzing at the Boston Public Market! Join us in the kitchen to find out why honey is so unBEEleivably sweet. Need inspiration for your next summer dinner? Surprise your guests with an Orange Zest pasta salad. Top this bright dish with fresh tomatoes and herbs from one of our farmers and sprinkle on some local cheese. If you just can't get enough of the Boston Public Market, catch us hanging out at nearby community events this August. Come say hi at the Boston GreenFest on Friday, August 19th and the West End Children's Festival on Saturday, August 20th.

Fans of fermenting: stop by the Market on Sunday, August 28th to get a taste of the Boston Fermentation Festival! Here, you can speak with New England's fermentation experts and food enthusiasts while in their element. This free event welcomes the public to participate in workshops, demos, and attend lectures led by an array of food specialists. Stay tuned for more details and visit [www.bostonferments.com](http://www.bostonferments.com).

Find details below about August happenings at the Market and visit [bostonpublicmarket.org](http://bostonpublicmarket.org) for more information. Check out the Market's 40 vendors, and explore their locally sourced and seasonal produce, meats, dairy, seafood, bread, prepared and specialty items, and more.

Visit the KITCHEN at the Boston Public Market, programmed by The Trustees, for an exciting lineup of culinary, health, and wellness programs this month. The Trustees offers daily events and programs at the 3,300 square foot, state-of-the-art demonstration KITCHEN space. Programs are designed to connect

Boston residents, commuters, and visitors to local food and healthy, active living. Visit [thetrustees.org/KITCHEN](http://thetrustees.org/KITCHEN) for a full schedule.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 1

Appleton Farms' Milk & Cookies Deal (every Monday & Tuesday through Labor Day): Who doesn't love milk and cookies? We sure do! Check out Appleton Farms' great deal: ½ a gallon of milk & 2 bags of cookies for \$20 OR 1 quart of milk & 1 bag of cookies for \$10.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Taza Churro Happy Hour (every Wednesday & Thursday, 5-6:30pm): Stop by Taza Chocolate to get a free churro with every iced or hot chocolate drink purchased.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

Live Music at the Market (every Thursday; 5:30-7:30pm): While you shop and dine, enjoy live music played by students from Berklee College of Music.

Evening Sampling at Chestnut Farms: Smoked Chicken Breast

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Comparing 3 Flakey White Fish (12-3pm): Join Red's Best ocean guru, Cameron Barner, for a hands-on info session to learn more about 3 flaky white fish in New England. Located at Red's Best skiff at Blackstone Entrance.

Evening Sampling at Chestnut Farms: Smoked Turkey Breast

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Evening Sampling at Chestnut Farms: Pepperoni

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Big Touch Tank (Red's Best stall, 10am-4pm): Get closer to your food with Red's Best's seafood touch tank.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

The Magnificent Tuna:

Scientific Facts (Red's Best stall, 11:30am-1:30pm): An engaging talk with Molly Lutcavage Ph.D., Research Professor, School of Environment & Director, Large Pelagics Research Center, UMASS Boston.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Honey Extraction Demo (in the KITCHEN; 12-2pm): In honor of National Honey Bee Day, learn about commercial beekeeping from the experts at The Boston Honey Company and participate in a live honey extraction! Take home a BEE-utiful bottle of honey after the event and share all the buzz with family and friends! Trustees Members: \$15, Nonmembers: \$20.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Stillman's Farm 1st Annual Tomato Contest (in the KITCHEN; entries may be submitted between 10am – 11:45pm. Judging will take place at 12pm): Remember when Stillman's handed out free tomato plants in May? After three months of tedious care and love, do you think that your tomatoes are the ripest, reddest, and roundest in Boston? Bring your seasonal tomatoes back to the market, and find out! Stillman's Farm will judge your tomatoes in several different categories with fun prizes for the winners! For more info, contact [stillmans@verizon.net](mailto:stillmans@verizon.net) or visit [stillmansfarm.com](http://stillmansfarm.com).

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

32nd Annual Massachusetts Tomato Contest (in the KITCHEN; 9:00am-1:00pm): Interested in learning more about your produce? Stop by the Market to see commercial tomato growers being judged on the flavor, firmness/slicing quality, color, and shape of their tomatoes. After watching the contest, you'll never buy bad tomatoes again! The contest is sponsored by the New England Vegetable and Berry Growers Association in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of

Agricultural Resources and Mass Farmers' Markets. For more info on how to register etc., visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/markets/farmers-markets/tomato-contest.html>.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

On the Edge Knife Sharpening (10:30am-4:30pm): Bring your knives to the Market to have them expertly sharpened by Patti, \$10 for a small knife, \$15 for a large knife.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Sundaes on Saturday with Crescent Ridge and Taza Chocolate (in the KITCHEN; 1-3pm): Join Crescent Ridge Dairy and Taza Chocolate to make your own sundae with special toppings made just for the occasion! \$5 for a sundae and a raffle ticket.

### ABOUT THE BOSTON PUBLIC MARKET:

The Boston Public Market is an indoor, year round marketplace for locally sourced groceries and specialty agricultural products, where residents and visitors can find fresh, seasonal food from Massachusetts and New England. The Market houses 40 local farmers, fishers, and food entrepreneurs selling items such as farm fresh produce; meat and poultry; eggs; milk and cheese; fish and shellfish; bread and baked goods; beverages; flowers; and an assortment of specialty and prepared foods. Everything sold at the Market is produced or originates in New England. The Boston Public Market, located at 100 Hanover Street above the Haymarket MBTA station, is currently open 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Saturday and 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Sundays.

The Boston Public Market is located in downtown Boston's emerging Market District, next to the Haymarket pushcart vendors and the historic Blackstone Block, and it sits on the Rose Kennedy Greenway and the Freedom Trail.

100 Hanover Street also contains the Boston RMV branch, entrances to the Haymarket MBTA station, and a parking garage. Bike parking is located directly outside the Market on the plaza opposite the Greenway. Two Hubway bike share stations are located nearby, on Cross Street across the Greenway and on Congress Street along the side of City Hall, and several bike parking options surround the Market.

Boston Public Market vendors are proud to accept SNAP/EBT for all eligible market products, and the Market is a participant in the City of Boston's Boston Bounty Bucks program, which provides a dollar for dollar match, up to \$10 a day, for SNAP customers to spend at participating farmers markets and the Boston Public Market.

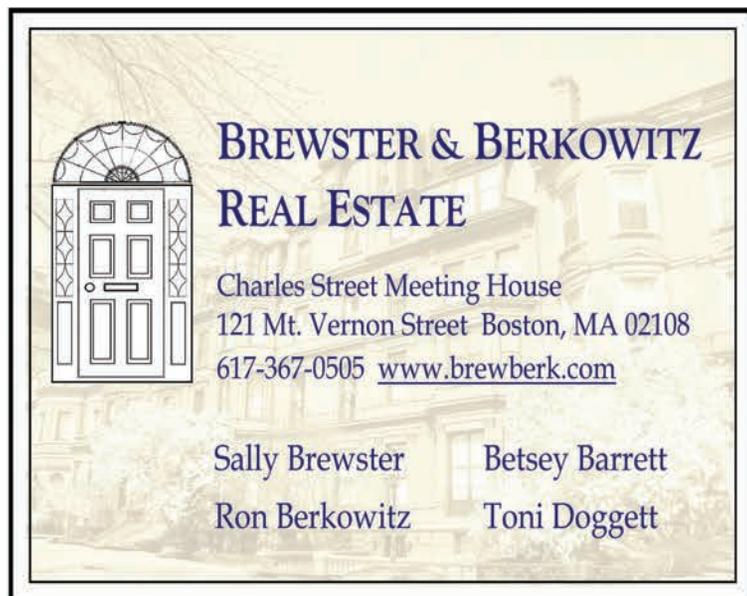
The Market is a dynamic civic space, educating the public about food sources, nutrition, and preparation. In addition to 40 permanent vendors and a number of rotating short-term "pop-up" vendors, the Boston Public Market includes the KITCHEN, a 3,200 square foot demonstration kitchen programmed by The Trustees, the Market's programming partner, with opportunities such as hands-on cooking demos, lectures, family activities, exercise classes, training and community events.

Development of the Boston Public Market is a partnership between the not-for-profit Boston Public Market Association, individual and corporate donors, foundations, the City of Boston, and the project's seed funder, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Boston Public Market Association developed and operates the Boston Public Market with a public impact mission to support the farmers, fishers, and food entrepreneurs who grow, catch and produce local food, and to nourish our community with food and experiences.

For more information, visit [bostonpublicmarket.org](http://bostonpublicmarket.org).

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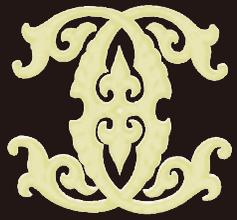
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