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Resident Objections Don't Seem to Slow M.H. Projects

BY ALISON PULTINAS

Controversy continues around several large housing projects opposed by many residents in Mission Hill.

For example, the Impact Advisory Group (IAG) assigned to review the proposed development at 80-100 Smith St. for the now-vacant parcels behind Mission Church unanimously opposed the project in a February letter to the BPDA and elected officials. Curiously, the BPDA project manager never posted the most recent set of public comments. Therefore, the February letter does not appear on the BPDA web page on the project.

On May 7, the Boston Civic Design Commission reviewed the design. The discussion and public comments raised concerns from the commissioners. Their vote

came with multiple caveats asking proponents to work on a plan with community support.

However, because of the previous project planned for the site, the height and massing of the two towers are already approved by BPDA urban design staff. As BPDA staffer Kristina Ricco stated at the hearing, the buildings' bulk was a predetermined condition because of the approvals in 2005, "the size was already set." Resident Gary Walling described the design as using the St. Alphonsus urban renewal towers erected in the early 1960s as a model, and said it was not a good fit. He said the design significantly blocks views of the basilica.

Commissioner Bill Rawn said this review process points out the importance of architects' showing actual physical models, calling three dimensional renderings an

YES, THE FENWAY WILL GET THAT LIBRARY



On June 24, about 40 residents and representatives of local organizations met at The Station to learn that a proposed 5,000-square-foot satellite library will, indeed, come to the West Fens. Proposed as a community benefit of the 1400 Boylston redevelopment project, the library will sit at the Peterborough Street edge of the project, which Samuels & Associates will build. City Councilor Sharon Durkan (far left) organized the meeting, and Boston Public Library President David Leonard (standing on the bench) delivered the news. Leonard said that both the mayor and the library board have approved the facility, part of the redevelopment proposal for the Star Market site, which received final approval in February. A satellite library, Leonard explained, is smaller than a branch—typically 5,000 square feet or less. Many residents expressed excitement about the idea of having a library.

—RUTH KHOWAIS

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JULY 20

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FCDC Plans All-Affordable Housing in the W. Fens

BY STEVE WOLF

In what must qualify as a Fenway record, the June 18 virtual meeting on the Fenway CDC's proposal for 112-114 Queensberry St. wrapped up in just 40 minutes. The project would bring 24 affordable apartments to a site now occupied by a long-shuttered laundromat. The 11 studios and 13 one-bedroom apartments would rent to households earning well below the Area Median Income.

Two pieces of news emerged from the meeting.

First, Rob Del Salvio of architects Embarc showed a new rendering of the façade that reduces metal cladding on the top from two floors to one. Bricks will now cover the first five floors, and other design cues will come from neighboring buildings, such as the fifth-floor roofline and building setback.

Second, Suneeth John, the CDC's head of real estate, laid out a projected time line that would put the proposal in front of the BPDA board for a vote in July and coordinate other City submittals in time to apply for City and the State funding support in late fall. Assuming the funds come through, construction would begin by July 2026.

As we reported last month, the proposal includes multiple sustainability measures and would meet both the LEED Silver and Passive Building standards. [The Passive

standard dramatically reduces the energy needed to heat and cool a building.] 112-114 would also boast rooftop solar panels, high-efficiency heating/cooling, and no parking for cars (but spaces for 24 bikes).

Few of the 30 attendees had comments following the presentation. Two union representatives voiced support while lobbying for use of union labor; John made no commitment on that. A

inadequate substitute. Rawn stressed his concern that the IAG has unanimously opposed the project; Commissioner David Hacin agreed that the lack of community support creates a dilemma.

Requests for an in-person BPDA meeting about the project—initially made by former District 8 Councilor Kenzie Bok—were denied. The agency continues with a virtual-only meeting policy with extremely rare exceptions. Advocates have not given up on creative strategies, however. They've floated the idea of a public meeting organized by the community and if elected officials agree, there is collaborative power to hold City Hall accountable. BPDA staff and developers are then invited in an approach that can

potentially lead to a fruitful dialogue.

In a stunning turnaround example, Councilor Sharon Durkan's office, in partnership with the Mission Main Tenant Task Force, will host an in-person public meeting on the 80-100 Smith St. proposal on July 10 at 6pm at the Willie Pearl Clark Community Center at 43 Smith St.

A second neighborhood-initiated "revolt" is the recent Community Alliance of Mission Hill objection filed over the Zoning Board of Appeal's decision to approve the controversial 1558 Tremont proposal (now relabeled 100 St. Alphonsus) at an April 30 meeting. The seven-story rental project has been under large-project (Article 80) review since July 2021.

The complaint reflects the way the ZBA publicized the hearing: It didn't mention the new address—the default name for the project—in an April 9 legal notice in the *Boston Herald*, on the City's calendar, on the posted ZBA agenda, or in notices to abutters.

At the April 30 hearing, both the developer's attorney and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services representative stated that the name change took place at the last minute and came as a surprise to them. Since the residential entrance for the building would be on St. Alphonsus, the Inspectional Services Department assigned the new address. Whether this was an unusual circumstance or standard

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MOPED ROUNDUP REFLECTS RISING ANGER OVER MISUSE



Last month, the Massachusetts State Police conducted an enforcement operation on Kilmarnock Street that led to the impoundment of 14 mopeds and scooters. The operation came in response to a surge of complaints about erratic driving and reckless behavior by moped operators, including driving the wrong way, ignoring traffic lights, and illegally using sidewalks and bike lanes.

Bostonians have a long history of grappling with motor vehicle disturbances. Rewinding to 1903, Boston Symphony Orchestra founder Henry Lee Higginson became an early advocate for vehicle regulation. Disturbed by speeding cars near his Ipswich Street home, he pushed for the requirement of license plates to impose driver accountability.

Today, the challenges persist and evolve. The rising popularity of food-delivery services like UberEats, GrubHub, and DoorDash has become a primary contributor to the increase in moped traffic in the city. Echoing Higginson's early efforts, recent legislative initiatives aim to tighten regulations on delivery drivers by enforcing stricter licensing and insurance requirements.

—AHMED M. ABDELFATTAH

FENSVIEWS

Do Proliferating Bikes Threaten Pedestrians? One Says 'Yes!'

BY ALISON BARNET

When is a walk signal not a walk signal? Answer: Nearly always. What difference does it make if the little white walking figure is blinking reassuringly when cars and bikes are coming toward you, sometimes from two directions.

Especially when you get older, your reflexes aren't as good as they used to be. Fast-moving vehicles suddenly coming near you can—if they don't hit you—make you flinch, cringe, and jump. And why do the numbers count down so fast? Gee, a second ago I was being beckoned across, and now there's only one second left. I often feel like a little kid trying to cross a big street with no hand to hold onto.

A friend told me he's been hit three times by bikes at intersections. He is hardly the only one.

One of my problem intersections is Massachusetts and Westland Avenues. I'm crossing legally from Mass. Ave. to the

Boston Credit Union, and here's a car turning in on my left. Luckily,

they usually stop and let you finish crossing. Not so at other corners.

Cars are one thing, but all the bikes, motorcycles, skateboarders, and electric scooters are another. Standing on the sidewalk in front of the Christian Science Church, trying to get to the post office or Economy Hardware, I sense something on my left and hear an angry cry—a fast-coming bike. And, when I get to the other side of Mass. Ave., I'm immediately confronted with the green

bike lane and must remember to check in both directions before I cross.

Then there's waiting for the bus in the shelter in front of CVS. When we get up, either to see if the bus is coming or to get on the bus, we are at immediate risk of being hit on the green bike lane.

Many bicyclists are careful and respectful but, in my experience, the majority are not. Veteran riders say, "on your left," as they whiz by, but we usually don't hear it until they've nearly hit us. Bicyclists don't seem to understand that we don't always walk in a straight line but sometimes need to turn. Skateboarders and motorcyclists generally don't say anything, but at least we can—maybe—hear them coming. Waddling also bothers me: okay, they see me, but then they circle around this way and that, in a threatening fashion, and we don't know where they're going.

The City's stance is that bicycles are God's gift to traffic, and we owe them bike lanes everywhere, but have you ever noticed that, despite bike lanes, there are more bikes on the sidewalks? I was knocked down to the ground on a Mass. Ave. sidewalk a year or so ago. I didn't see the bike coming. I was not seriously hurt but I could have been. Yes, the bike was on the sidewalk. No, he didn't stop. He sped away before anyone could stop him.

They speed through red lights, and go the wrong way on busy streets like Mass. Ave., paying no attention to intersections. Many don't wear a helmet but hold cell phones in front of their faces. I once saw a bicyclist holding a phone in his left hand and a slice of pizza in the other. Watch out!

Alison Barnet lives in the South End.

GUEST OPINION

A Name Change for Agassiz Road?

Editor's Note: When the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers finished dredging work in the Muddy River last year, we asked readers for their thoughts on renaming Agassiz Road. Here's what we heard.

Stan Everett

My limited research with a fellow Emerald Necklace docent indicated that the bridge/road was named after Ida Agassiz (Higginson). The Fens Bridge further west on the Muddy River at Higginson Circle is named for Henry Lee Higginson, Ida's husband. Louis Agassiz died in 1873, about four years before Frederick Law Olmsted came to Boston/Brookline and 14 years before the Agassiz bridge and road were completed. Olmsted was a member of the Tavern Club, a "literary social club." There is a good chance he was friends with Alexander Agassiz, Quincy Adams Shaw, Frances George Shaw and Henry Lee Higginson. If the bridge/road was not named after Ida, I think it could have been named after Alexander Agassiz.

I believe it was not named after Louis Agassiz, the Harvard scientist whose name has been removed from many schools, streets, and buildings in the Boston area and beyond.

I nominate Ellen Swallow Richards, an outstanding woman of her age and one

of the great scientists of the 19th century.

Anne Lundberg

I think there was an error about the naming of this short, one-block road in the Fens. I believe it was not named after Louis Agassiz, the Harvard scientist whose name has been removed from many schools, streets, and buildings in Boston area and beyond [because of his popularization of racist pseudo-science].

I think it was to honor one of his daughters: Pauline Agassiz (Shaw). Pauline, who lived in the area, was sort of a "Jane Addams" social-change person who had funds to make things happen. Her work was mostly to advocate for education and to start community centers for poor women and children.

She is given credit (along with the Peabody sisters) for establishing kindergartens here in the second half of the 1800s, and then later trade schools that taught the whole person: not to give just a livelihood, but rather to give access to a good life.

I learned of this on a local tour, years back, maybe sponsored by Boston Women's Heritage Trail folks? Not sure. It was also mentioned in a lecture at the SMFA, again years back.

Yet, somewhere, someone *might* know and be able to answer this question!

So, if we are going to request a name change? Perhaps Pauline Agassiz would be much better.

Margaret Witham

I nominate Renty Taylor, the enslaved Black man whose photos were cruelly exploited by Louis Agassiz in his work. His niece Tamara Lanier filed a lawsuit against Harvard University to reclaim the photos. Or, Klare Allen, an Environmental Justice leader from Roxbury who led the opposition to the Boston University biolab.

Steve Chase

My vote would be to simply rename it "Duck House Road," as that describes what actually exists there.

Easy-peasy for anyone to remember and locate via Google. I checked, and the only other "Duck House Road" is in Iowa.

Also, there is serious discussion in progress about reimagining/revitalizing the Duck House for active public use, so it may eventually become more of a destination.

Ellen Haiken

Simple: Garden Place, as it borders the beautiful Victory Gardens.

Arlene Ash

I suggest "Olmsted Way."

Fenway News Annual Meeting

JULY 9 @ 6PM!

Join us for our annual meeting at the Fenway Community Center with guest speaker Ed Ballo (aka The Urban Detective)! Any Fenway, Mission Hill, or Audubon Circle resident can join the Fenway News Association, but the deadline to vote in this year's meeting was June 25. Why not sign up for next year at fenwaynews@gmail.com? The current roster appears at right.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU JULY 9!

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Chabad Still Falls Short on City OK for Mission Hill Project

BY ALISON PULTINAS

The saga continues for the Lubavitch of Cambridge (also known as Harvard Chabad) and the Triangle Architectural Commission in Mission Hill.

On May 2, the Landmarks Commission voted to deny without prejudice plans for a large center at 1615-1617 Tremont, saying more work needs to be done. With the June and July hearings both canceled, August 1 could provide the denouement.

The conflict over the scale of the proposed shul has been a political topic—with city councilors dramatically taking the side of the Chabad in opposition to the staff of the Landmarks Commission and the local commissioners from the Triangle district.

At the May hearing architect Jason Jewhurst and Attorney Joseph Hanley were emphatic that the Chabad's design cannot be

modified any further without compromising the intended programming. Rabbi Hirschy Zarchi compared the planned height for the worship space to the high ceilings in churches—a spiritual necessity. He also mentioned a possible appeal to national legal authorities.

In June, the Cambridge Board of Zoning Appeal rejected an even larger Chabad project on Banks Street that required multiple variances. Lawyers for the Chabad invoked the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, known as RLUIPA, which prohibits applying local land-use regulations to discriminate against religious practices. However, the Cambridge board ruled that RLUIPA was not relevant, since use of the premises as a religious gathering space was not in question.

Alison Pultinas lives in Mission Hill.

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procedure, the outcome created confusion.

Overwhelming community opposition—as documented by many letters sent during the Article 80 process and comments made during virtual meetings—raises a question of why the project wasn't identified by both addresses. In fact, the BPDA development page still lists it as 1558 Tremont.

City Attorney Caroline Driscoll briefly described the Open Meeting Complaint at a June 4 ZBA hearing. She promised that the ZBA board would have a decision from her office by June 25. The complaint asked that the board hold a second hearing on the variance requests.

In more real estate news, the smallest single-family property on the hill—80 Parker Hill Avenue—changed hands in May. The bungalow's unusual history began in 1903 with its construction as a studio, perhaps for an artist, that was converted to a single-family residence in the 1930s. Then New England Baptist Hospital's School of Nursing occupied the building as overflow space for lectures and social gatherings for student nurses. In 1978, the City temporarily used the house as a neighborhood police station. Since then, local investors John Coppola, and later Michel Soltani, got involved. The most recent sale appears to be for owner occupancy, as the buyers signed a declaration of homestead recorded at the registry of deeds.

Another interesting project: an as-of-right two-family is under construction at 187

Calumet St. As of August 2023, the owners were Michelle Yu and Caiyan Chen of Newton.

At \$877,500, this was a lucrative sale for previous owners May Luo and Eric Tsauro of San Francisco, who acquired the parcel for \$1 in 2010. Luo and Tsauro, who also own 236 Parker Hill Ave., had purchased the lot, from the heirs of Robert Kean, who had acquired it from the City.

The original sale was a former abutter's "yard sale" to the owner of 236 Parker Hill Ave. in 1991. The City-owned parcels came with deed restrictions limiting uses to gardens, landscaping, or parking. A 2023 document, filed at the registry of deeds and signed by Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon, lifted the restriction for 187 Calumet St.

In 2021 the Department of Neighborhood Development (now the Mayor's Office of Housing) established a policy for potentially removing restrictions on those types of sales to facilitate development of affordable housing. The policy requires setting aside a certain percentage of affordable units, whether the project is home ownership or rental, but excludes two-family rental properties.

If 187 Calumet were for homeownership, one unit would be required to be sold to a household earning 80 percent or less of the Area Media Income (AMI). The developer of a three-family rental would have to set aside one apartment for a household earning 60 percent or less of AMI. According to the 2021 memo, the affordability restriction would apply in perpetuity.

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Project Proponent: Scape Charlesgate LLC

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WALKING INSPECTION WITH DCR PINPOINTS PAIN POINTS ON POST-PANDEMIC PARK DRIVE

PHOTO: STEVE WOLF



District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan addressed 40-plus people at the Sunoco station on Boylston Street before a transportation safety walk on June 25. Durkan's office organized the walk with the Department of Conservation & Recreation (which owns the roads and walkways that encircle the Back Bay Fens) to observe road conditions and connectivity issues for pedestrians and cyclists. The Boston Transportation Department sent a representative, as did several elected officials, including State Rep. Jay Livingstone, who joined for part of the walk. Participants broke into small groups with a designated coordinator/note-taker from an agency or public official's office. The groups walked either the length of the Fens along Park Drive or a 1.6-mile loop around the entire park. Residents in each group pointed out issues with walkways, crosswalks, and pavement and identified locations where improvements—like new signage, new signals, speed tables, or a road diet—could improve conditions for people traveling on foot or by bike.

Farmers Market Makes Its Debut

PHOTOS: RUTH KHOWAIS & STEVE WOLF



The new Charlesgate Farmer's Market made a festive debut on June 23, with nearly two dozen vendors, free ice cream, and plenty of neighbors mingling beneath the Bowker Overpass on Comm. Ave. It will operate every Sunday, 11am-2pm, through Oct. 13—and feature a different musical group from Berklee every week. Goods on offer included fruits, vegetables, organic juice, coffee, baked goods, cut flowers, mushrooms, vegan chocolates, meat, and fresh seafood.



PORCHFEST 2024!

Fenway Porchfest, June 15, featured 46 musical acts performing in 16 parks and outdoor spaces around the Fenway. In addition to music, the 2,000-plus attendees enjoyed lawn games outside Whole Foods and the Emerald Necklace Conservancy's Shattuck Visitors Center—plus picture-perfect weather.

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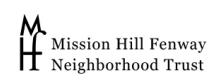


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A LOT HAPPENED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SINCE THE LAST ISSUE, INCLUDING...

Roxbury Community College finally has its new president. Jonathan K. Jefferson, previously provost at Lesley University, will pick up the reins July 1, taking over from Interim President Jackie Jenkins-Scott. The former president of Wheelock College, Jenkins-Scott arrived as interim in early 2022, helping to stabilize the school after years of scandal and mismanagement. 🗞️ **Globe columnist Yvonne Abraham**



spotlighted an unusual small-business incubator in Mission Hill—one designed to get childcare providers up and running. Sponsored by the nonprofit Nurtury Early Education, the incubator in the Longwood Apartments will give three providers dedicated space in a newly built facility, plus technical support and access to a new playground. Over two years, providers pay no or minimal rent as they work to establish sustainable operations.

According to Abraham, one of the initial three operators, on learning she'd been chosen for the program, said "I was like, how is this real?" 🗞️ Tiffani Faison's Boylston Street pizzeria, Tenderoni's—an homage to the 1970s with pronounced roller-disco overtones—has closed. Faison's Sweet Cheeks and Fool's Errand, in the same block of Boylston, remain open, as do her two restaurants at High Street Place downtown. 🗞️ **Trader Joe's opened a vast (16,500 square feet) store at 500 Boylston St., near the corner of Arlington. Staff at the 899 Boylston store, a quick walk from the Fenway, say the chain doesn't plan to close their location. ICYMI has found that store—billed as the "smallest Trader Joe's in the known universe"—delightfully uncrowded since the new store's opening.** 🗞️ ICYMI should have run "Eats Beat" this month because it has definitely dropped the ball on new neighborhood restaurants. Peterborough Street's Restaurant Row has two: Gyro City, serving classic Greek food (try the avgolemono soup), and Spring Shanghai Pan-Fried Buns, with a tasty take on Chinese street food. Meanwhile, Bartaco opened this spring in the old by CHLOE space at Van Ness and Kilmarnock streets with a Mexican beach-town menu that tilts toward fish and seafood tacos. 🗞️ **The MBTA announced that Tufts has launched a two-year pilot program under which all students at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts get free T passes.** 🗞️ MFA director Matthew Teitelbaum will retire next year after having led the museum for 10 years. Under Teitelbaum, who came to Boston from Ottawa, the museum saw significant growth—including the gift of a blockbuster collection of paintings from the Dutch "Golden Age"—and grappled with big problems, including a pandemic and a racial reckoning that forced a rethinking of how the museum sees its audience, what art it chooses to exhibit, and the stories it tells about that art and its creators. 🗞️

Mission Hill P.O. Branch Gets Reprieve

BY ALISON PULTINAS

On May 28, a taped message signed by Cindy Skelton, U.S. Postal Service customer service operations manager, appeared at the entrance to the Mission Hill Post Office announcing a suspension of service at the close of business on June 29. All post office box holders were told to ask for a refund or a transfer to the Roxbury Post office.

Not surprisingly, the threat of closure aroused serious consternation in the neighborhood. City Councilor Sharon Durkan worked with Sen. Ed Markey's office to seek answers. And on June 25, with just four days to spare, she announced a successful resolution. But as she explained, this required the help of officials in Washington, D.C. The USPS apparently doesn't answer to local authorities.

The phrase in the original notice "because our lease has expired"

raised questions for those familiar with Wingate, the branch's landlord at The Longwood Apartments at 1575 Tremont. When the post office moved to Wingate's site from across the street more than 15 years ago, an agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development included a commitment to house the post office on the ground floor. Seniors, students, and neighborhood home businesses depend on the accessibility of the facility.

Unlike many other branches, the Roxbury branch post office at Malcolm X Boulevard and Shawmut Avenue is owed by the USPS, so there's no concern with leases or landlords. However, there is anecdotal evidence of problems going on with mail delivery; area residents have reported erratic or no service for days on end. Perhaps this is not just a Boston phenomenon?

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Boston



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Congratulations to the Heart of Community Award Winners



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City and Community Engagement



Neighborhood Trust Awards Nearly \$120K to 18 Proposals

BY ALISON PULTINAS

There was a warm vibe in the air on June 14—despite the rain outside—when the Mission Hill Fenway Neighborhood Trust’s annual event for its grant awardees took place at MassArt’s Design Media Center lecture hall. The ritual ceremony includes a check presentation, and speeches by recipients who were asked to share descriptions of their projects with the audience.

Fenway resident Lauren Dewey Platt, longtime chair of the Trust board, gave a short history of the MHFNT and description of how the volunteer board functions. The website (missionhillfenwaynt.org) has a full-length version of the history, photos from the June 14 event, and lists of awardees from past years.

As Dewey Platt explained, the fund that the Trust administers originated with a law shepherd through the state legislature by the late Rep. Kevin Fitzgerald as part of a deal allowing Beth Israel Hospital to purchase the historic Massachusetts College of Art building on Brookline Avenue more

than a generation ago.

This year, the Trust awarded 18 grants for a total distribution of \$117,391.

One highlight of the event was Joyce Harvey from the Parker Hill Library’s Women’s Writing Group, who gave a shout-out to the absent 94-year-old Loretta Dixon, recently honored for her “Boston in 100 Words” submission.

New applicants for funds this year included the basketball program for Muslim girls started by former Emmanuel College alum Jamad Fiin; the Comic Arts festival for Kids; and a series of acoustic concerts sponsored by the Back of the Hill CDC in its park on Bucknam Street. Many seniors from the Peterborough Center attended and mingled afterwards.

MISSION HILL RECIPIENTS:

- **Mission Safe**—\$13,500 for stipends for six youth in Mission Hill
- **MH Women’s Writing Group**—\$5,720 for women’s writing workshops at the Parker Hill Library
- **Sociedad Latina**—\$7,200 for stipends

for summer youth leaders

- **Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services**—\$4,150 for free public summer programs in Fitzgerald Park
- **Maria Sanchez House** (aka Roxbury Crossing Senior Building)—\$3,460 for art, dance, and knitting classes for resident seniors
- **Back of the Hill CDC**—\$4,520 for free summer musical events in the Butterfly Park
- **The Mission Hill Arts Festival**—\$7,000 for sound and stage equipment and sound technician for concerts at the Tobin Community Center Backyard
- **Jamad Basketball Camps**—\$6,000 for a basketball and empowerment camp for girls in Mission Hill and the Fenway
- **Phillips Brooks House Assn.**—\$4,935 for the 2024 Mission Hill summer program

FENWAY RECIPIENTS:

- **Operation P.E.A.C.E.**—\$9,596 for a STEAM-focused 2024 summer academy for Fenway youth

- **Massachusetts College of Art and Design Foundation**—\$4,700 for artist honoraria for 2024 Summer Art on the Plaza events. (Veronica Robles Mariachi Band coming in August!)
 - **Fenway Civic Association**—\$10,000 for new trees in the Fens and lilac pruning near the Rose Garden
 - **The Fenway Alliance**—\$2,000 for stipends for youth on a newly created Festival Advisory Teen Council
 - **Emerald Necklace Conservancy**—\$5,000 for free public programming in the Back Bay Fens.
 - **Peterborough Senior Center**—\$10,000 for cultural trips, healthy food, and social programs for seniors
 - **Fenway Community Center**—\$10,000 for “Creative Connections” series of art and cultural classes.
 - **Friends of Ramler Park**—\$4,610 for musician fees for summer concert and fountain bowl repair
 - **Boston Comic Arts Foundation**—\$5,000 to support the fourth annual Boston Kids Comics Fest at Northeastern University
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NEWSLINES

Fire Seriously Damages The Squealing Pig in Mission Hill

A BOSTON FIRE CREW MANAGED TO CONTAIN a fire at The Squealing Pig at 134 Smith St. in Mission Hill late on June 25. The fire caused significant damage to the restaurant—which will close until further notice—and heat from the flames melted the top of a light pole across the street and damaged two vehicles. No injuries were reported, and the cause remains under investigation.

500 Huntington Labs Can’t Clear Design Hurdles

THE ARCHITECTS WORKING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT GROUP FOR 500 HUNTINGTON, the site of Wentworth Institute’s Sweeney Field, have not had a smooth process. They’ve attended a lot of meetings but still no consensus has emerged from the Boston Civic Design Commission (BCDC). The two proposed buildings—designated east and west—are large and boxy. The buildings would house laboratories whose size requirements have dictated the design. The BPDA has posted a new filing on its website and reopened the public comment period, which will end July 17. Previous comments from the MFA and the Emerald Necklace Conservancy expressed concern over shadows on early winter mornings that hit green space both at the MFA and nearby Emerald Necklace parklands.

The construction process has also raised concerns, especially potential vibrations it would create that could affect nearby property. Despite a reduction from 410 to 384 spaces in the project’s proposed underground garage, BTD planners continue to question the need for so much parking.

A vote was expected at the BCDC’s June 4 hearing. In a highly unusual step, however, commissioners decided to table the project and take no action. According to at least one commissioner, the very commercial-looking buildings don’t fit the “Avenue of the Arts” context in a neighborhood of educational and cultural institutions.

BPDA Expands Northeastern Task Force Ahead of IMP

TO GO ALONG WITH NORTHEASTERN’S RECENT INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN (IMP) filing (with a public-comments deadline of July 15), the BPDA has named new members to the Northeastern University Task Force. Now with 14 members, the committee represents six neighborhoods, adjacent institutions, and includes a representative from the Greater Boston Building Trades Union. Other new appointees include Bob Barney of the South End; Joan Carragher of the St. Botolph Neighborhood Association; Tahara Samuels of Madison Park Development Corporation; Armani White and Rodney Singleton of Roxbury; Mallory Jones and Tom Jones of the Fenway; and Maggie Scott from the MFA. Cassie White will represent the Fenway CDC, and Pat Flaherty continues as the sole Mission Hill member. Rich Giordano, who formerly filled the Fenway CDC seat, could potentially stay on as a Mission Hill representative. The Mission Main and the Sociedad Latina youth seats were eliminated. Meg Mainzer-Cohen of the Back Bay Association and the Fenway Alliance’s Kelly Brilliant will also serve.

Quinn Valcich, the BPDA manager assigned to Northeastern projects, met with the group on June 17. He reviewed some of the development the university expects to complete in the next 10 years and noted that nine candidate sites for new buildings listed in the 2013 IMP remain under review. The BPDA will schedule a public meeting after July 4.

Cory Berg, Northeastern’s planner, summarized the university’s current thinking as “city as campus, campus as city.” The first project will be an athletic and recreational center at 262 St. Botolph St. that would replace Matthews Arena. Construction could start in December 2025, but Northeastern’s John Tobin stated that finding substitute competition and practice spaces for the hockey team is now the priority.

Fenway Health Names New CEO

FENWAY HEALTH HAS REMOVED “INTERIM” FROM CEO JORDINA SHANKS’S TITLE. She was selected for the permanent position from a pool of more than 90 applicants. Prior to her interim appointment, Shanks had served as COO for three years.

Conservatory Students Dance for the Celtics—And Credit

STUDENTS SOPHIE REYNOLDS AND ISABELLE RICHARDS AUDITIONED FOR—AND WON—spots on the Boston Celtics dance team last summer. Throughout their second year at Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Reynolds and Richards danced on the parquet and earned academic credit for it. In September 2022, Reynolds and Richards had joined the inaugural class of a new, three-year BFA program in commercial dance at the conservatory. As their first academic year came to a close, they began the lengthy audition process with the Celtics. Joining the team meant accepting a contractual obligation to practice several times a week at Auerbach Center and complete 41 home-game performances. To make their schedule work, they created an independent study, earning credits that would enable them to stay on track to graduate in three years.

City Grants Help Local Groups Keep Older Residents Engaged

SEVERAL LOCAL GROUPS WILL RECEIVE EXPANDING ENGAGEMENT GRANTS from the City of Boston’s Age Strong Commission. The grants aim to help nonprofit community groups create new programs (or expand current ones) that invite older adults to engage in activities for better physical and mental health. The awards range in size from \$5,000 to \$50,000, and local recipients include the Fenway Community Center, Operation P.E.A.C.E., and Wally’s Cafe Student-to-Student Music Project and Jam Session. All told, the City awarded \$546,403 to 37 community groups across the city.

Take Part in the Boston Unity Cup Fair

THE BOSTON UNITY CUP—A SOCCER TOURNAMENT TAKING PLACE IN JULY AND AUGUST at Northeastern—wants you for its Unity Cup Fair. Organizers seek local organizations and businesses that want to raise awareness of important community causes or promote goods, services, and resources. Get your cause, idea, or product in front of hundreds of people from across the city with a table at the fair on opening day, July 13. The Unity Cup celebrates the diversity and unity of newly arrived Bostonians against the backdrop of a 40-team tourney—a kind of World Cup for soccer-mad new Bostonians from 34 countries. Complete an inquiry form at tinyurl.com/292uy273 and a representative of the Soccer Unity Project will contact you with more information.

Bowker Overpass Virtual Public Meeting

MassDOT will present the design for the proposed replacement and widening of the Bowker Overpass in **Boston** (MassDOT #B-16-052) in a virtual public informational meeting on July 11.

WHEN
Thursday, July 11, 2024
6:00pm

WHERE
www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events

PURPOSE: This meeting will provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing and widening the bridge superstructure of the existing Bowker Overpass that spans I-90, MBTA’s Worcester Commuter Rail Line, and Ipswich Street and reconfiguring overpass ramps to and from Commonwealth Avenue. The project includes bridge widening to the west and elimination of the existing down-ramp structure that spans the Muddy River to Commonwealth Avenue. The proposed project will provide bridge and roadway safety improvements, increase vertical clearance, improve seismic resiliency, and enhance the public realm with improved connections for all users to the Charlesgate and Back Bay Fens parklands. MassDOT will use staged construction to maintain traffic and accommodate utilities during construction.

ACCESSIBILITY: This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g., interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats) as available.

For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT’s Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY (857-266-0603), fax (857-368-0602) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the meeting. For more difficult-to-arrange services, including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting.

This meeting will take place, or a cancellation announcement posted, at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

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FENWAY HIGH



Head of School Geoffrey Walker (center) posed with valedictorian Precious Onyeagoro (left) and salutatorian Freydy German (right). Graduation took place June 7 at the Boston Convention Center, with 64 graduates receiving diplomas.

ARTS ACADEMY



Valedictorian Sakura Rosenthal (left) and salutatorian Jisley Arias Castillo (right) stood together for a photo. Graduation took place June 10 at the Berklee Performance Center with 102 graduates receiving diplomas.

BOSTON LATIN



Shown from left to right are Jed P. Muzac, class treasurer; Okeoghene Ogege-Abedi, class president; valedictorian, Jessica Li; Rachel Lantsman, vice-president; and Minh Anh Nguyen treasurer. Graduation took place June 10 at Leader Bank Pavilion, with 380 graduates taking home diplomas.

Volunteers Add Green Infrastructure at Kennedy Academy

PHOTO: ALISON PULTINAS



On May 29, City staff led volunteers in a greenspace work session at the Edward M. Kennedy Health Careers Academy in Mission Hill. Green Infrastructure Chief Kate England and Rebecca Arellano, special projects coordinator (pictured), explained how a 2018 stormwater-retention project captures water for trees and shrubs along the high brick wall bordering Fenwood Road. The project also added a green roof atop the utility shed and raised beds for growing veggies. The school yard is still a parking lot, but the landscaping can reduce the heat generated from the asphalt.

Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Marks Its 50th Anniversary at New Building

PHOTO: ALISON PULTINAS



On June 22, next to its newest affordable residence—One Halleck—Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services celebrated 50 years of building community. A documentary featured U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley and testimonials, and the party also offered commemorative t-shirts, slushies, popcorn, lunches from Cilantro Latin Kitchen, Estella Tropicales dancers, raffles, speeches, awards, dancing with the Soul of Boston band, and balloon artists—all in one afternoon. A business meeting and ribbon cutting with elected officials for the new building rounded off the day.

The Arts

Time-Travel to Early-1900s Boston At Shurcliff Show

BY STEVE WOLF

The exhibition “Boston Views: Through The Lens of Arthur Shurcliff” plays to one of the Massachusetts Historical Society’s strong suits: turning a small selection of sometimes arcane material from its holdings into a way to focus on some aspect of local or national history.

Shurcliff’s name should ring a bell for Fenwickians. His career began just as Frederick Law Olmsted’s was ending. Shurcliff worked for Olmsted for six years, a connection that helped him land jobs updating the landscapes in the Back Bay Fens (he created the rose garden in the 1920s) and the Esplanade. He also led redesigns of Franklin Park Zoo and parts of the Common.

Shurcliff’s papers, which MHS holds, include nearly 1,300 “glass lantern slides” whose images transferred from other sources could be projected onto a flat surface. MHS can’t tie the slides to specific uses, but Shurcliff’s records make it clear that he used them frequently for presentations to civic groups and government bodies.

An intriguing example comes from 1907, when the young landscape architect plunged into the “acrimonious, hotly contested” debate over...trees on the Comm. Ave. Mall. Charles Sargent, distinguished head of the Arnold Arboretum, wanted one row of trees on each side of the central walkway. Shurcliff wanted two—and made presentations around the city in a campaign to sway public opinion. It’s no spoiler to tell you he carried the day. A case in the exhibition includes some of his slides, with drawings comparing the two plans and maps showing where tree shadows would fall between 11am and 1pm on the summer solstice to demonstrate the superior shade a double row of trees would bring to the mall.

The exhibit comprises barely 20 images enlarged to poster size. Most show locations we can recognize—like a view up Park Street to the State House, looking remarkably like today’s vista... save for the horse-drawn carriages and hobble skirts. Some of the images will especially intrigue area residents:

- Before-and-after views of Comm. Ave. between Mass. Ave. and Charlesgate East. The “before” slide, from the early 1910s, shows the street swooping around a small plaza at Mass. Ave., where Anne Whitney’s statue of Leif Erickson stood. From a perch in the Parks Department, Shurcliff took charge of straightening the street for safety (likely due to a rising volume of cars in the city). The “after” slide shows a ramrod-straight road, with Erickson moved a block closer to Kenmore Square, where the statue still stands.
- “View of a Football Game in the Fens” dates to the 1920s and shows a concrete grandstand packed with spectators along one side of the field. Close inspection of the background, however—with views of a park on one side and buildings with smokestacks on the other—make the field’s location a puzzle. If it occupied on the site of today’s Clemente Field, those smokestacks might belong to one of the former breweries at the foot of Mission Hill, but the park area and what looks like housing behind the field don’t match anything the neighborhood has today.

You can take in this small show in less than half an hour. Beyond the local views, it offers the great pleasure of studying early-20th-century Boston and musing on the many ways the city has changed since then.

Steve Wolf lives in the West Fens. “Boston Views: Through the Lens of Arthur Shurcliff” runs through July 28.

MFA MARKS JUNETEENTH



PHOTO: RUTH KHOWAIS

The Museum of Fine Arts celebrated Juneteenth with a gospel concert, collage making, and free admission to the public. In addition, four artists from the Mission Hill Artists Collective (including Aminata Dakowa, pictured) displayed their creations at an art fair in the Shapiro Family Courtyard.

—RUTH KHOWAIS

July

CALENDAR

SENIOR EVENTS

For more info, view the calendar at operationpeaceboston.org or drop by the Center, 11am–3pm, for a paper calendar. Call (617) 536-7154 to get on our mailing list. Unless otherwise noted, events take place at the Peterborough Senior Center.

- Tue, July 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2pm: **MUSIC4WELLNESS** with Berklee College of Music
- Wed, July 10, 17, 24, & 31, 1pm: **TECH CAFE** with Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly
- Thu, July 11, 12pm: **NEED A WILL?** Presentation by Women's Bar Association program manager Lola Remy
- Thu, July 18, 12pm: **MEET AND GREET** with City Councilor Sharon Durkan, District 8 director of constituent services Lily Sweeterman, and neighborhood liaison Maccon Bonner
- Tue, July 23, 11:30am: **GAMES** with Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly
- Thu, July 25, 12pm: **MUSIC, FOOD, AND SOCIALIZING** at Jerry Cooper's Garden, located across from 11 Park Drive (plot M1-M2)

Through Sun, 7/28

HALLYU! THE KOREAN WAVE AT THE MFA. Today, South Korea is a cultural superpower—a global trendsetter producing award-winning films like *Parasite*, TV

dramas like *Squid Game*, and chart-topping music by K-pop groups such as BTS and BLACKPINK. But behind the country's meteoric rise to the world stage—a phenomenon known as the Korean Wave, or *Hallyu*—lies a story of resilience and innovation. "Hallyu! The Korean Wave, now at the MFA," features approximately 250 costumes, props, photos, videos, pop culture ephemera, and contemporary works. 465 Huntington Ave. Learn more at mfa.org/exhibition/hallyu-the-korean-wave.

Tue, 7/2

MOVIE NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK. Watch the 1977 classic, *Star Wars: Episode IV—A New Hope*. Tickets, \$10 adults, \$5 12 and under. Gates at 6:15pm, movie at 7:30pm. Prior to the screening, a Star Wars-themed celebration will take place in the Gate A Concourse. The first 7,000 fans in attendance get a free lightsaber. Tickets at mlb.com/redsox/tickets/events/movie-night.

Tue, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, & 7/30

FREE BERKLEE CONCERTS IN SYMPHONY PARK, 39 Edgerly Rd. 6pm. Details at college.berklee.edu/events/summer/symphony-park

Mon, 7/8

AUTHOR TALK: JEFFREY ROSEN. In celebration of July 4th, join the Boston Public Library for a presentation and discussion of the phrase "the pursuit

of happiness" from the Declaration of Independence. Jeffrey Rosen of the National Constitution Center and host of the weekly podcast *We the People* will examine what this idea meant to our nation's Founders, how it defined their lives, and how it became the foundation of our democracy. Rosen's new book, *The Pursuit of Happiness*, profiles six of the most influential Founders—Franklin, Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, and Hamilton—and shows what pursuing happiness meant to them. 6pm. Virtual event. Register at bpl.bibliocommons.com/events/6653ab2705ea9f28007175d4.

Thu, 7/11

FREE CONCERT AT ONE BRIGHAM CIRCLE featuring pop and dance music. 6pm. 1620 Tremont St.

Wed, 7/17

SWINGIN' IN THE FENS AT RAMLER PARK. 6:30pm. Rain date 7/24. 130 Peterborough St.

Thu, 7/18 & 7/25

THE CONCERTS IN THE COURTYARD RETURN TO THE MFA. This series, presented inside the MFA's Calderwood Courtyard, is a summer showcase of musicians from Boston and around the globe. Tickets—\$24 for members, \$30 for general public—at mfa.org/series/concerts-in-the-courtyard. 465 Huntington Ave. Doors at 6pm, music at 7:30pm. Food available for purchase. Madison McFerrin on 7/18, Zimbabwean

@ THE CENTER

The Fenway Community Center is open six days a week. Visit fenwaycommunitycenter.org for details.

- Tue, July 2, 16, & 30, 3pm: **INTRODUCTION TO PICKLEBALL**
- Mon, July 15, 6pm: **BOSTON SPORTS TRIVIA**
- Mon, July 22, 11:30am: **TOUR OF THE STATE HOUSE WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAN RYAN** (email hello@fenwaycommunitycenter.org to sign up; meet at the State House)
- Mondays, 4pm: **CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASS**

musicians Mokoomba on 7/25.

Tue, 7/30

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OPEN HOUSE: SUMMER FUN. Ever wonder how classic summer activities have (or haven't) changed over the years? Get into your summer mindset with Special Collections where staff, who will be available to answer questions as you explore items from the collection that highlight summer fun through the years! 2–4pm. Central Library in Copley Square.

Thu, 8/1

TITO PUENTE LATIN MUSIC SERIES, featuring Alex Alvear and Mango Blue, at the Mission Hill Playground. 7pm. 60 Smith St.

COMMUNITY meetings

MON, JULY 1 The BPDA hosts a meeting on **2 CHARLESGATE WEST** (originally scheduled for June 27). This a joint Impact Advisory Group (IAG) and public meeting for the proposed 2 Charlesgate West development. The meeting will review the Draft Project Impact Report and its potential impacts, starting with a presentation, then questions and comments from the IAG, and questions and comments from the public. Register at bit.ly/3KbHilw, or call (833) 568-8864 (meeting ID 161 722 2542). 6pm. Contact Scott Greenhalgh at scott.greenhalgh@boston.gov with questions.

STUDENTS RESEARCHING DISCIPLINE POLICIES BUTT HOLE WU AT MISSION HILL COFFEE HOUR



At the Mayor's Coffee Hour in Mission Hill on June 24, Roxbury Tenants of Harvard teens talked with Mayor Michelle Wu about a study they worked comparing the codes of conduct and disciplinary practices in the various schools they attend. Their study showed that Black and Latinx students were consistently punished at higher rates than other students, regardless of a school's enrollment. The group plans to meet with BPS officials about adding language about student practitioners of restorative circles to official policy. Left to right: Charity Rounds, Athena Wang, Nabil Madaoui, Mayor Wu, Jen Lewis, and Thomas Barnes.

Fenway CDC is hiring!

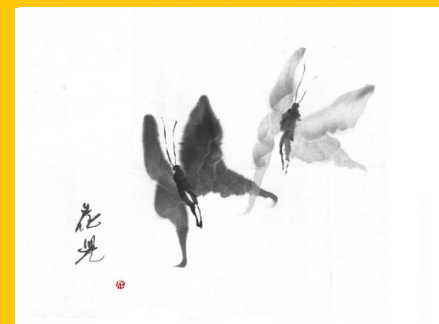
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