Zakim and Baker Make Council Endorsements

By Joe Walsh
Two District 8 City Council hopefuls earned key endorsements this week.
Outgoing City Councilor Josh Zakim endorsed Kenzie Bok to take his place on City Council, while Governor Charlie Baker endorsed candidate Jennifer Nassour.

These endorsements come less than a week before a primary election on Tuesday, when Bok, Nassour and three other candidates will vie to replace Zakim as Beacon Hill, the Back Bay and the Fenway's representative on City Council. The top two candidates will advance to a

Local Leaders Blindsided By Decision to Sell Hynes

By Dan Rabb
Back Bay elected officials and civic leaders were blindsided by Governor Charlie Baker's intention to sell the Hynes Convention Center (HCC), and are still in the dark as to the administration's vision for the sale and redevelopment of the Back Bay's second largest property.
The Baker Administration announced Tuesday that it will submit legislation directing the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) to unload the HCC, part of a plan to finance expansion of the Boston Convention and Expo Center in the Seaport.

Riding Bikes on Sidewalks Is Legal

By Joe Walsh
When bikers and pedestrians mix on Boston's narrow sidewalks, results can range from caustic to dangerous.
However, though city officials publicly urge bicyclists to stay off sidewalks, the practice is legal on most city streets. Per state law, bicycles are allowed to operate on sidewalks across the Commonwealth, unless a local ordinance and or zoning rule says otherwise. Since Boston does not have any ordinances requiring bicycles to stay on the street, the city cannot prevent bikers from zooming past walkers, joggers and strollers.
The city acknowledges that biking is legal on sidewalks, except in areas where posted signs forbid bicycling, including parks like the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

Mayor’s Methadone Mile Spreading to Charlesgate

By Joe Walsh
Charlesgate Park is seeing a resurgence of homelessness and drug use, leading residents to worry that the small, blighted state park needs more attention.
The homeless presence in Charlesgate has fluctuated over the past few years, with encampments occasionally springing up in between bouts of police enforcement. In the past year, however, a growing cadre of homeless residents appeared, neighbors say, and city and state officials are struggling to control the burgeoning problem.
As Charlesgate has become popular for sleeping, neighbors have reported signs of open drug use, including

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While Baker's plan requires legislative approval, the HCC's redevelopment would have a significant long-term impact on the Back Bay. Despite the likely consequences of the governor's plan, Back Bay elected officials only learned of the potential sale hours before it was announced. The news also came as a surprise to the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB), the business-oriented Back Bay Association (BBA), and the hotels attached to the HCC.

Although the neighborhood's delegation plans to meet with administration officials in the coming weeks, Representatives Jay Livingstone and Jon Santiago both say the state has provided no details about either the sale process or forthcoming about its expectations for the HCC's sale price, yet the sale of state controlled assets just feet from the HCC may provide insight.

In 2013, MassDOT agreed to a deal with developer Weiner Ventures for an area next to the convention center known as Parcel 14 that, like the HCC property, consists largely of air rights over the Mass Pike. The $18.5 million price tag, a paltry figure for a prime location, reflects the enormous expense required to engineer and build decking over the highway capable of supporting a high-rise building.

Indeed, Weiner Ventures called off its 1000 Boylston project in August, joining a parade of developers over four decades who tried and failed to build over the turnpike due to prohibitive decking costs.

Whether the HCC is more valuable than Parcel 14 remains to be seen. The site is slightly larger, and an existing deck supports the building over the Mass Pike. Yet any buyer will likely want to build higher than the current structure, meaning the deck must be reinforced or rebuilt. Demolishing the HCC over an active highway may also present an expensive challenge. No matter who buys the HCC, its redevelopment means long-term repercussions for the Back Bay. State officials have not shared their vision for the property or the degree to which area stakeholders will help shape its future.

The planning for nearby air rights parcels has been developer driven, with community members responding to proposals through public meetings and advisory boards. But some Back Bay leaders say the HCC's significance demands more comprehensive planning led by area stakeholders. They point to PruPAC, a community-based authority that still, Parad believes bicyclists choose to ride on sidewalks for a reason.

Many cyclists use sidewalks for part of their trip, she said, because the street does not have a safe bike lane to separate them from cars and trucks. While sidewalks are filled with pedestrians and other obstacles, they offer far more protection from cars than a thin line of white paint, Parad noted.

“When we hear from people who are riding on the sidewalk, it’s because it’s a dangerous location,” she said. “The only place where they feel safe is on the sidewalk.”

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Officials still advise bikers to ride on the street and leave sidewalks for pedestrians, and to ride at the same speed as nearby walkers if sidewalk riding is necessary.

“While riding bicycles on sidewalks is not illegal, we urge riders to be respectful of their fellow citizens,” Public Works Department spokesperson Chris Coakley said in a statement. Eliza Parad from the Boston Cyclists Union agrees. Young children and other less confident bikers might need to use the sidewalk, she notes, but most bikers are better off if they leave sidewalks to walkers.

“Riding on the sidewalk can be dangerous,” Parad said. “Generally, there’s not enough room on Boston’s sidewalks to fit bicyclists and pedestrians.”

Parad said the solution is for the city to install more protected bike lanes, which are separated from automobile traffic by plastic posts, cement curbs or lines of parked cars. This type of infrastructure makes the streets safer for bikes, according to Parad, allowing them to leave the sidewalks.

For example, Charles River Dam Road was once notoriously dangerous for bicyclists, leading to a fatal crash in front of the Museum of Science last year. Many bikers on that road opted to ride on the sidewalk rather than mixing with traffic, drawing greater investment in public housing, and reforms to the city’s complicated development approval system.

Alongside this experience, Zakim said Bok appears ready to listen to constituents across the district.

“This is the most diverse district in the city,” he said. “Having someone who understands that, and who has a proven track record of working in City Hall, is vital.”

Zakim’s endorsement of Bok follows nods from State Representative Jay Livingstone, Councilor Michelle Wu, the Ward 5 Democrats and a bevy of other local notables. Bok also leads the field in fundraising, earning well over $100,000 in donations as of Monday.

Bok said this volume of support from Zakim and other politicians is gratifying. She attributed it to her focus on affordability, an issue she said has resonated with a wide swath of voters.

“I’m proud to earn Josh’s endorsement,” Bok said. “I know it’s a reflection on the really inclusive campaign we’ve been running across the district.”

Baker, meanwhile, credited candidate Nassour’s extensive public-sector experience. An attorney by trade, Nassour is a longtime political operative who served as chair of the state Republican Party.

With an endorsement from the Governor, Nassour believes she is prepared to collaborate with state leadership, a key task in a district filled with state parks, roads and public services.

“We have wonderful parks and roadways that intersect with the city and the state,” Nassour said. “We need to have good communication between city and state officials.”

In a statement, Baker noted the importance of ideological diversity, possibly a reference to Nassour’s contrast with a City Council chamber that, while officially nonpartisan, has not housed a Republican in decades. Likewise, Nassour lauded Baker’s bipartisan credentials and management prowess.

“I am honored and humbled,” she said. “He is a role model for bipartisanship.”
When Local Opera Becomes Political

By Dan Rabb

Opera may not be the first medium that springs to mind when it comes to exploring the struggles facing undocumented immigrants, but a production premiering this weekend at the Emerson Paramount Center aims to do exactly that.

“I Am A Dreamer Who No Longer Dreams,” created by Boston based Cerise Lim Jacobs and composer Jorge Sosa, is equal parts an emotionally charged work of political activism and a thoughtful examination of the struggle for identity at the heart of the immigrant experience.

The opera’s creators, immigrants themselves, hope the story personalizes the current political debate for audiences, revealing the human faces behind headlines about ICE raids, detention and deportation.

“We are trying to give people the opportunity to have an emotional experience around this issue by letting people really know these characters,” says the Mexican born Sosa. “It injects a human element back in the discussion on immigration.”

The opera’s narrative centers around Rosa, played by Carla López-Speziale, an undocumented Mexican immigrant who has been wrongfully implicated in the death of a firefighter. Jailed and facing deportation, she must confront the likelihood of being permanently separated from her American born daughter.

“You always read about all the stuff that’s going on at the border and children being separated from their families,” says Jacobs, a Singapore native whose White Snake Projects production company blends opera and activism. “There’s never a focus on what happens when a child is at home and a parent never comes back.”

While the opera serves largely as a critique of current US policy, the production also delves into how the same human impulses behind those policies play out within immigrant communities themselves.

This dynamic is primarily explored in the relationship between Rosa and her court appointed attorney, an Indonesian Green Card holder named Singa, played by Helen Zhibing Huang. Although Singa is herself an immigrant, she initially assumes the worst of Rosa, expressing surprise that she speaks English and runs her own business. Over the course of the opera, the two characters delve into their struggles with rejection and acceptance from the various national, ethnic and class groups to which they hope to belong.

“One of the things this opera explores is that everyone has prejudices against other groups of people,” says Huang, who like most of the cast, is an immigrant.

Jacobs has gone to great lengths to give the performance a distinctly Boston flavor. Each of the three scheduled performances will be preceded by a short prologue that sets stories from Boston area immigrants to music by a local composer. In one, a Brazilian woman remembers her arrival at Logan in 1994. In another, a man laments his adjustment from being an electrician in Haiti to a busboy at Wahlburgers.

Jacobs hopes that by anchoring the performance with local voices, audiences will see the opera’s message as relevant to Boston, not just border towns in Texas.

“Boston is a fairly conservative market,” says Jacobs. “Most people anywhere hear opera and they run a thousand miles, and they hear new opera and they run a million miles. It’s my hope that people will stop running and realize how relevant this is.”

Huang, too, hopes the intensity of the subject matter and the medium will not scare people away.

“It’s not even as long as an ‘Avengers’ movie,” she says with a laugh. “I keep telling people that.”
While The Resident is Away
The Thieves Will Play
An officer took a report for a breaking and entering at the 30 block of Hemenway Street on September 7 around 7 am.

The victim had been away for two and a half weeks and just returned to home sweet home. Though his homecoming turned awfully sour. The resident discovered five high end garments missing from his closet.

Two Burberry coats, one Calvin Klein jacket and two vests were gone, totaling up to $1,800. The only thing the resident knew for sure was that his apartment had been entered by the management company and a house cleaner while he was away.

Bachelor Brawl
On September 7 around 8:30 pm, two officers responded to a 911 call for a fight at the Westin Hotel, 10 Huntington Avenue.

Officers immediately stumbled upon three gentlemen in a physical altercation on the 3rd floor. When those gentlemen saw men in uniform, they quickly disengaged. The three men were from New Jersey and happened to be in town for a bachelor party. Congratulations upon management’s requests. Happy bachelor party!

You Cheeky Monkey
Two officers responded to a 911 call for assault and battery at Cheeky Monday Brewing Co., 3 Lansdowne Street, around 1:47 am on September 9.

Immediately upon arrival, the officers found some monkey business going on. The suspect was swinging from branches, throwing bananas and picking flies out of patrons’ hair. Officers probably wished that was the case.

The suspect was actually belligerently drunk and refused to leave the restaurant.

While an employee attempted to calm the cheeky chap down and kick him out, the suspect, in the most mature manner, told the employee, “You’re not the boss of me!”

With bananas in hand, officers were able to lure the suspect out of the restaurant, calm him down and close out his bar tab. The cheeky chap was driven to a different location where he hailed a taxi home.

Walgreens Wallop
On September 10 around 7:30 pm, one officer responded to a larceny report from Walgreens, 1603 Washington Street.

A security guard informed the officer that a woman entered the store and attempted to steal cosmetics. After confrontation, the woman returned the cosmetics but she wanted to make sure she was the center of attention. Most people would likely want to hide themselves the embarrassment of being caught, but not this lady! She yelled at the officer and caused a scene.

Then, she took it up a couple notches. Instead of calmly exiting the store, she stood in the doorway blocking a wheelchair bound shopper from leaving. Apparently getting off the hook for one incident was not enough for this woman.

A few minutes later, the woman darted straight at the security officer and began dishing wallop after wallop. She used her heavy bag as a weapon and began beating the security officer. Only then did she finally leave.

The suspect was not found.

Never Threaten an Officer
Around 6 pm on September 12, two officers responded to a larceny report at TJ Maxx, 360 Newbury Street.

The loss prevention officer at the store stood with the suspect when officers arrived. The loss prevention officer explained that the suspect was a repeat offender who constantly gets caught shoplifting from this specific store. Out of all the shops on Newbury Street, the suspect could not have chosen to diversify his portfolio?

This time, the suspect attempted to steal a jacket but was adamant that he did nothing wrong. While attempting to handcuff the suspect, he tried pulling away, resulting in officers forcing him to the ground where he continued to flail.

As a courteous thank you to officers, the suspect threatened to shoot and kill them repeatedly. The suspect was taken into custody for active warrants.

“Show me the Bullets”
About 14 officers responded to a radio call for an armed robbery on September 15 around 5:30 pm at T-Mobile, 1180 Washington Street.

Officers spoke with the employees who explained two young men entered the store and immediately demanded entryway to the backroom where the safe is kept. One of the suspects had a handgun in his waistband and showed it to an employee. With bravery, fright and a bit of sass, one employee did not believe the gun was real and said, “Show me the bullets.”

Thankfully, all that came from that encounter was a shoulder grab to the back of the store where the two suspects stole 14 cell phones.

No employees were hurt and detectives were able to retrieve pictures via security cameras.

It’s 2 am Somewhere
On September 15 around 8 pm, two officers responded to a radio call for a disturbance at Boston Burger Company, 1100 Boylston Street.

The restaurant manager told officers a man came in, did not order anything and then fell asleep at the bar. It is quite a shame the man was not interested in a Big Papi burger. The suspect seemed confused, slurring his words and believed it was 2 am.

It was 2 am somewhere but not here, buddy. The manager asked the suspect to leave and in return, the suspect screamed in her face.

The suspect did not discriminate, he treated officers in the same manner he treated the manager. Officers confirmed the man was not driving, attempted to locate his home so they could give him a lift and, in the end, escorted him out of the restaurant.

There was even a very distinct warning: leave the area or you will be arrested. That time came much sooner than anticipated and the man hurled profanities left and right, causing a scene which ended in his arrest for trespassing and disturbing the peace.
By Joe Walsh

A local developer plans to convert the apartments above the Beacon Hill Pub into hotel rooms, turning the well-known Charles Street dive bar into an upscale restaurant in the process.

City Realty Group, which bought the building last year, is applying for a zoning variance to add 16 extended stay executive suites to the building’s upper floors. The project would also involve expanding the building in the back and gutting its first floor, which would house a lobby and small restaurant.

The overhaul would change the face of its stretch of Charles Street, replacing a divisive and occasionally rowdy bar with a higher end establishment. Developers also see the project as a necessary transformation for an old, worn building in severe need of repair.

“Long term, we would like to reinvest in the property,” said Josh Fetterman from City Realty. The hotel rooms are aimed at business travelers and other long term guests, according to hotel operator Peter McLaughlin. As a result, the rooms feature large living spaces and kitchenettes designed to serve guests with an average stay of five nights.

The building would have less turnover and fewer on-site guest services than a typical hotel, making

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Hill Residents Will Try New Trash Bins

By Joe Walsh

Some Beacon Hill neighbors hope to try out a new trash collection system next month.

A small cadre of Hill residents plan to place their trash in collapsible bins for biweekly garbage pickups starting October 4. The city is allowing residents to volunteer for this neighborhood wide pilot program following a similar experiment that started in part of the South End last month.

Proponents hope this new system will help to fix a longstanding trash collection problem in dense neighborhoods like Beacon Hill, where most homes lack the storage space for rigid plastic bins. Most Hill residents currently place their trash and recycling directly onto the sidewalk in bags, causing loose trash to stew on the

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GOVERNOR CHARLIE BAKER ENDORSES JENNIFER NASSOUR for Boston City Council

“At all levels of government, having a diverse set of ideas makes for better policy,” says Governor Baker. “Every resident of Boston should feel that their tax dollars are being spent with scrutiny and that their quality of life is improving, regardless of their neighborhood. Jenn is able to look at issues in context and draw on her decades of experience in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to craft solutions. Importantly, she will also listen to the everyday concerns of her constituents and work to address any ongoing quality of life issues.”

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needles on sidewalks and drug deals in the middle of the day. They have also seen garbage and refuse strewn throughout the park, including Amazon packages and BlueBikes that some residents presume were stolen.

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ne could see that the guy chasing me was stumbling,” Berrios said. “I knew I could outrun him.”

City and state officials hope to control the area’s drug use and criminal activity while simultaneously steering homeless residents toward support services.

However, as a state run park in the middle of Boston, Charlesgate is laden with confusing lines of authority. The park is owned by the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which places it under the control of the State Police, though BPD is responsible for the streets that crisscross the park.

BPD and State Police officials did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

While the State Police patrol the park, DCR employees like supervisor Larry Callahan work to clean up any trash and refuse that the homeless population leaves behind. Callahan estimates that about five people live in Charlesgate, but they are part of a larger group of about 12 homeless who rotate between several parks in the area. When Callahan pushes them out of one spot, they quickly reappear in another area.

“It’s the same people that just keep coming back,” Callahan said. “We try to discourage them, but it’s never going to be perfect.”

The Charlesgate Alliance plans to turn the park into a vibrant public space, with grassy fields, a dog park and sitting areas. Keeping the park clean, safe and free of drug use is a key first step, Lewis noted.

To that end, Lewis believes more shelter and recovery services would be mutually beneficial, offering help to vulnerable residents while also preventing disruption. In the meantime, he says officials are responsive to concerns about drugs and theft, though he acknowledges that policing homelessness itself is far more difficult.

“It takes a concerted effort,” Lewis said. “But nobody knows what the solution is.”
Back on its feet after months of inactivity, Washington Gateway Main Street (WGMS) is attempting to gradually rebuild its presence in the South End while placing renewed emphasis on Lower Roxbury.

WGMS, which aims to revitalize the Washington Street corridor by promoting economic development and spearheading community improvement programs, underwent somewhat of a relaunch this summer. The once influential nonprofit effectively disbanded for a five month period earlier this year following the departure of long-time leaders, the loss of the organization's office space and the cessation of its signature programs.

Now, with stable board leadership, a full time executive director and new offices in SoWa, WGMS leadership is looking to reestablish the city-sponsored organization's influence on the development of the South End and, increasingly, Lower Roxbury.

"I'm trying to do this very slowly and very methodically," said WGMS Board President Bud Larievy, who has spearheaded the group's rebuilding process. "We had to put a lot of things back together."

With little current funding, much of the group's rebranding effort has focused on reengaging with community residents and business leaders. The executive board has been reconstituted to only include members who live or work within the organization's footprint. Larievy and Executive Director Andrew Maydoney have mounted an outreach campaign by paying regular visits to businesses along Washington Street.

Larievy has also steered WGMS toward a more active role in urban planning and development, particularly in Lower Roxbury. One of his first acts as board chair was to put the organization's formal support behind the Hotel Alexandra, a proposed hotel at the corner of Washington Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

WGMS’s involvement with the Hotel Alexandra played a significant role in shaping the group’s approach to Lower Roxbury, according to Larievy, who sat on the project’s community advisory board. The proposal sparked anger among some residents who saw the luxury hotel as the vanguard of South End style gentrification creeping across Mass Ave into the largely black neighborhood. Many complained that their concerns were ignored in favor of the South End’s interests.

For Larievy, the controversy clarified the fault lines inherent in a South End based community improvement organization like WGMS promoting development or business improvement projects in a neighborhood with well-founded fears over displacement.

"I heard them loud and clear when they said we left them out," he said. "It's a matter of slowly going in there and not telling people what we can do for them."

WGMS Plans Focus On Lower Roxbury

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An expanded network of police cameras is coming to the Blackstone/Franklin Square area, but police and city officials are still gauging the neighborhood's appetite for how extensive that surveillance system should be. The new cameras, which would add to the existing Boston Police Department (BPD) video system in the area, are being financed by the community benefits package from the former Harrison Albany Block Project on Albany Street, now known as The Smith. While the developer's agreement with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) mandates that $20,000 from the community benefit fund be used to install cameras at two or three sites around Franklin Square Park, BPD officials and City Councilor Frank Baker are pushing for an expanded plan that would place cameras

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Smile! Cameras Coming To Blackstone/Franklin

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imagery from ancient century China. Titled “Tale of an Ancient Vase,” the mural depicts stories from the life of the Chinese Emperor Shun, who is traditionally thought to have lived in the 23rd century BC.

“The backgrounds depicts a timeline of the story of the ancient emperor,” Beyung said at the mural’s dedication earlier this month. “As for the vase, the emperor was really good at making beautiful pottery, so this is kind of his legacy.”

Beyung said that episodes of the emperor’s life, both good and bad, are represented in the symbolic mosaic intertwined with the mural’s background. Each detail carries meaning not readily apparent to those unfamiliar with the legend of Emperor Shun.

“The emperor had a hard childhood, and his mother-in-law was really bad to him, which created household issues and a difficult environment,” Beyung said. “That’s why I put a cracked bowl and a split in the ‘double happiness’ symbol that is present in a Chinese wedding.”

The decision to honor the ancient Chinese ruler pays tribute to a family association that has established its own dynasty in Chinatown. Boston’s Gee How Oak Tin Association, whose members trace their ancestry back to Emperor Shun.

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Mural

The mural serves to both celebrate and strengthen the neighborhood’s vitality without displacing residents or businesses that have served the community for years. He says that while the collaboration will make his organization more effective, WGMS’s experiences with the successes and failures of gentrification in the South End carry lessons for Lower Roxbury as well.

“It’s the same sensitivities that were in the South End 25 years ago,” he says. “That’s why we can have these conversations. We’ve been through this and here’s how we can maintain these important businesses and people.”

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them, I’m not selling anything, I’m listening.” In recent months, WGMS has built a working relationship with Dudley Square Main Streets, taking a collaborative approach to advocacy for projects in Lower Roxbury. According to Larievy, the two groups have worked to identify affordable housing sites and potential development opportunities that could improve

at more sites throughout the area.

Under this larger plan, cameras would be installed at 40 locations between a three block stretch of Albany Street and the area surrounding O’Day Playground. At a cost of around $100,000, the project would use a significantly larger chunk of the $375,000 in community benefits provided by The Smith that could also be earmarked for community beautification projects. But Baker and other advocates for the plan say the additional cameras will be a boon for public safety in a neighborhood that has felt the consequences of the city’s opioid crisis.

“I would suggest we get the whole camera plan, because it will help with everything that’s happening here now,” Baker told a meeting of the Blackstone Franklin Square Neighborhood Association (BFSNA) on Tuesday. “They’re not going to stop crime, but they really help the police when the police need to investigate.”

Baker and BPD officials argue the expanded surveillance plan offers more bang for the buck than the more limited camera system. The cost of each camera is less when they are deployed at a larger scale, said BPD Director of Telecommunications Shawn Romanoski, so the infusion of development dollars presents a rare opportunity for efficiency.

“This is the best possible scenario, which does not happen very often,” said Romanoski.

“We have the luxury with this program of covering the entire area.”

While the city is trying to measure community interest in the expanded plan, there was little pushback from BFSNA members Tuesday night. Officials would not provide a potential timeline for the project, but say the BPD is in the process of determining the location of the 40 new camera sites. Maintenance on the new camera will come from the BPD operations budget, according to Romanoski.

Officials also addressed residents’ concerns about privacy. According to Romanoski, only the BPD will have access to the video and all footage will be erased after 30 days. While officers may be able to access video from the cameras remotely, a digital record will be kept of anyone who accesses either a live feed or recorded footage.

“We do not try to do this in secrecy,” said Romanoski. “We paint them blue, we put a six inch Boston Police sticker on them so people know that they’re out there.”

WGMS

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for a low impact business, he added.

“The people stay for a longer time, and the facilities that are there are different,” McLaughlin told residents at an abutters meeting Tuesday night. “They would come and go as if they were at home.”

The ground floor, meanwhile, would contain a 60-seat upmarket restaurant, according to project team member Babak Bina, a restauranteur who operates local eateries like Toscano.

While specifics are still unclear, this vision contrasts starkly with the current tenant, a 300 person dive bar with no onsite food service. Initially, City Realty continued operating the Beacon Hill Pub as a high occupancy dive bar after it purchased the building and several other bars last year. With the building due for an upgrade, however, developers say a high-end restaurant is a better fit for hotel guests.

Trash Bins

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street and attract rodents as garbage trucks wind through neighborhood streets.

“Now [people] will have the option of keeping their trash contained,” said Rajan Nanda, chair of the Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA)’s streets and sidewalks committee.

Volunteers on the Hill will be given cylindrical bins that stand up on their own but can compress into a small, more easily storable size. The same bins are currently in use on East Brookline Street in the South End, in a small pilot program organized by David Stone and other South End residents. The South End pilot includes 23 households, most of whom believe collapsible bins have cut back on messes and kept their trash better contained, according to survey data provided by Stone. Garbage pickup staff have handled these bins with care so far, Stone noted, preventing them from flooding off sidewalks and onto the street. Plus, most residents say the bins are easy to store, he added.

“It definitely shows clear promise,” Stone said at a BHCA meeting Wednesday night. “I think the concept is sound, and the execution and experience have been clearly positive.”

Stone believes the collapsible bins are especially useful in the wake of the city’s contentious decision this summer to start picking up trash at 6 am citywide. Many residents say this change has driven can pickers and scavengers, Stone said. “Truthfully, it has a lot to do with how residents put trash out.”

Some Beacon Hill residents caution that the bins could prove cumbersome to store inside apartment buildings and challenging to use on the Hill’s narrow sidewalks. Still, many locals look forward to trialing the program for a few months and weighing its effectiveness.

Proponents like Nanda hope to build support before the program launches in two weeks, reaching out to residents using fliers and events like Fall HillFest. Neighbors can still volunteer for the program, he noted.

“People have expressed a lot of interest,” Nanda said.
Moondance 2019

There was no howling at the moon at The Esplanade Association’s annual Moondance Gala last Saturday. The event raised a record $1.3 million. Dan Mathieu was awarded with the Charles Eliot Visionary Award for his long-time support of the Moondance Gala and the Esplanade Association.

Q: Will drinking more water help me with my dry skin?

A: Well, not really. Drinking enough water is obviously important to overall health, but water first replenishes your internal organs; the skin is the most superficial organ and the last to feel the benefit. Some people have a dry skin “type”, and others have skin that is dehydrated and just feels dry, which is a skin “condition”. Skin with a stripped acid mantle and a lack of water is dehydrated, and drinking more water won’t fix it. If you have dehydrated skin, you need products that improve your skin’s water content without adding unnecessary oil. If you add the same moisturizers one would use for dry skin, they can cause break-outs.

My recommendation is to use a hyaluronic serum. Hyaluronic acid holds 1000 times its weight in water, and acts like a sponge to bind and hold water in your skin. It is oil-free which will avoid breakouts, but will plump up your skin and leave it feeling great!
At Millennium Place, residents belong to a community. No longer do owners stay cooped up inside or travel far for events. This dwelling creates luxurious homes with a luxurious lifestyle to match.

With a list of resident-only events through La Vie, the building's social network, neighbors get to know one another and indulge in wine tastings, excursions, health classes, fireside chats with influential Bostonians and more.

Additional standout delights include The Club, which has a screening room with movie events, updated fitness area, dining room and lounge, among others. And although residents never need to leave the building, there is a bustling downtown neighborhood right outside their door. Nearby are iconic Boston landmarks such as the Paramount Center, Downtown Crossing, the State House, Boston Common and Public Garden.

On the twelfth floor is a 1,301 square foot two bed, two bath condominium with one of the best floorplans in the building.

With an incredibly expansive living space, this area is ideal for entertaining or everyday living. The elongated shape of the living and dining area is a perfect example of a flowing, open floorplan creating an unrestricted atmosphere. The floor to ceiling windows naturally light up the space while providing a modern touch with black mullions.

The spacious kitchen has classic white granite counter tops throughout which contrasts elegantly with the cherry wood custom cabinetry. The darker wood in the kitchen makes this eating and cooking space feel warm and inviting. At the center is a wide three-seat breakfast island that includes its own wine cooler.

The unique design of the home has repeated details that make everything cohesive. Horizontal lines are a common theme in this unit, from the hardwood floors and window mullions, to the bathroom, kitchen and office hardware.

Almost equally sized to the living and kitchen space is the grand master bedroom. The same style of floor to ceiling windows are apparent in this room, but a different amenity, a custom walk-in closet, is not found anywhere else in this home.

Boasting with high standards, the master bedroom’s en-suite bath is lavish and relaxing with its double vanity, bathtub and sizable shower. White marble floors, shower and counterspace take this bathroom to the next level.

The second bedroom leaves many options for future owners. This space can even be turned into an office or library as its custom built-in cabinets and shelves line one wall.

580 Washington Street, Unit 12E comes with a washer and dryer, valet service, 24-hour concierge, two forced and central air zones, elevator and access to all of Millennium Place's activities. This $1,495,000 condominium is close to Roche Bros, various shops, the Financial and Theater Districts, public transportation and numerous restaurants. Contact Coldwell Banker’s Paul Whaley at (617) 460-4238 or Charlie Ring at (617) 699-2597 for more information.
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ROSH HASHANAH EVE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019
Greetings & Candle Lighting
Evening Service
Community Dinner

FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019
Morning Services
Children’s Program
Blowing of the Shofar
Kiddush Luncheon and Tashlich following services
Evening Service & Candle Lighting
Urbanites New Year’s Celebration

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019
Morning Services
Children’s Program
Blowing of the Shofar
Kiddush Luncheon following services

YOM KIPPUR EVE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019
Greetings & Candle Lighting
Kol Nidrei Service

YOM KIPPUR DAY
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