By Joe Walsh

With Halloween quickly approaching, some Bostonians might turn away from cool-headed rationality and toward the spiritual, seeking life advice from a local psychic, tarot card reader or fortune teller.

City officials are here to help.

Per state law, anybody who tells fortunes for money must apply for a city license. However, most of Boston’s professional soothsayers appear to be spreading their elusive wisdom without one. It remains unclear whether these renegades’ lack of city approval makes their psychic predictions any less accurate.

According to city records, only four fortune teller licenses were issued or renewed in Boston last year, even though more than a dozen psychic businesses appear to operate citywide.

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Most Fortune Tellers Are Not Licensed

By Joe Walsh

Kenzie Bok, forum moderator Peter Nessen and Jennifer Nassour

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Both candidates for City Council District 8 say they are committed to building more affordable housing in Boston, but they offered differing approaches to contend with the area’s housing crunch.

Kenzie Bok and Jennifer Nassour faced off on housing, marijuana licensing and the proposed sale of the Hynes Convention Center at a forum Tuesday night. The winner of this year’s election, to be held on November 5, will replace Councilor Josh Zakim to represent most of Beacon Hill, the Back Bay and the Fenway.

Nassour focused on producing more housing units throughout the region, an approach that she says would satiate the city’s rabid demand for housing and eventually ease prices. Bok, meanwhile, listed a broad range of strategies like inclusionary development rules, tenant protections and developing on public land.

To build more housing, Nassour

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When Older Windows Become Controversial

By Dan Rabb

A dispute over a South End family’s right to replace their historic windows has sparked debate about preservation priorities throughout the city.

In May 2018, homeowners Gary Stoloff and Alice Stone sought to replace the windows on their 19th century Rutland Square brownstone. Their windows, some original to the building, had deteriorated after more than a century of New England weather. More importantly, they say, the antique glass did little to keep out the cold, necessitating storm windows that looked out of character with the historic building.

While the couple knew that any change to their home required permission from the South End Landmark District Commission, they were confident in an approval.

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Scary Cute

We don’t monkey around when it comes to candy.

Children of all ages can see a list on page 9 of where to enjoy their sweets and other Halloween treats this year. Drivers, be mindful of street closures and trick or treaters making their rounds. The only scares that night should be in good fun.
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Unlike the original windows, the visually identical replacements could be fitted with double-paned glass, allowing the storms to be removed and returning the house to its original appearance. Stoloff, a contractor who routinely works on historic homes, hired a well known restoration company to perform the work. Yet the Landmark Commission rejected the project. In commission minutes submitted as evidence in the homeowners' ongoing lawsuit against the city, commissioners argued that

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This suggests that the vast majority of the city's psychics, palm readers and cardmints are unlicensed. Even more worryingly, the number of licenses has dropped drastically from nine years ago, when 17 fortune tellers were on city books. Officials were unable to divine the reason for this change. "I do not have any insight into why the number of licenses has decreased over the years," said Lesley Hawkins, the executive secretary for Boston's Licensing Board.

Requirements for a license are few. Applicants must submit to a battery of hearings, list out the services they plan on offering, pay a nominal fee of $50 and prove at least a year of city residency, a rule apparently meant to discourage fly-by-night carpetbaggers. These licenses must be renewed annually.

Still, enforcement against unlicensed oracles is limited. In recent years, the Boston Police Department's Licensed Premise Unit does not appear to have written a single citation for telling fortunes without a license, according to Hawkins, though The Guardian found a 2001 ticket for unlicensed fortune telling in city records.

So if most of Boston's fortune tellers can get away with plying their mystical craft without permission, why did four local psychics bother to renew their city licenses this year?

Gail Mitchell, owner of Lilah's Palm & Card Readings, is part of this quartet of licensed fortune tellers. She explained that a license allows her to advertise her business and place signs outside her downtown storefront without risking tickets from the police or complaints from neighbors.

Mitchell believes it is reasonable for the city to keep track of fortune tellers, though she blamed the steep decline in the number of licenses on a recent exodus of longstanding local psychics. "Rents got too high," she said. "A lot of psychics got out of Boston."

Nonetheless, scores of Boston fortune tellers continue to advertise their services without the veneer of government approval that a license offers. Most of these unlicensed psychics either declined to comment or did not respond to requests. Evidently, they failed to foresee The Guardian's calls.

Truth be told, after centuries of fake predictions, botched tarot card readings, misleading crystal balls and lost money, the fortune telling industry might have some credibility issues. Some psychics believe professional licensing, as strange as it might seem, could address this lack of public trust.

One psychic who strives for professionalism is Rosemary The Celtic Lady, the pseudonym for a Colorado medium who runs the American Association of Psychics & Psychic Mediums. Rosemary tries to distance herself from disreputable fortune tellers and their false promises, instead preferring to listen to clients' problems and offer advice; she explained. She believes licensing could distinguish honest operators like her from scam artists. "It is a good thing if people can prove that they're legit and everything, and they're not crystal ball people," Rosemary The Celtic Lady said. "We have to separate ourselves from that kind of energy."

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pitched a $250 million development fund, fueled by contributions from the area's largest nonprofit and for-profit employers. She said the city's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program, which asks tax-exempt nonprofits to donate to city coffers, could serve as a source of capital.

"Everyone should be participating in the community that they're bringing money into," Nassour said.

In contrast, Bok proposed building affordable housing on city-owned property and strengthening the city's inclusionary development rules, which require new residential construction to include affordable units. She was particularly interested in co-op apartment buildings, which she says are disconnected from the area's speculative, investor-heavy real estate market because they are jointly owned by tenants. "I don't want to see our downtown neighborhoods become capital storage units," Bok said. "I want them to remain as communities."

Bok also supported the city's new restrictions on short-term rentals, noting that rental listing services like Airbnb could take scores of inexpensive apartments off the open market. Nassour, on the other hand, focused on the trash and disruption that Airbnb units can bring.

The candidates expressed particularly sharp disagreement on rent control, a controversial policy that state law has prohibited since 1994. Bok believes it is worth discussing certain policies that fall under the definition of rent control, including tenant protections or restrictions on rent increases for seniors. Nassour disagreed, noting that in communities where rent control exists, the policy has historically led to less housing production and higher rents on non-restricted apartments. This runs contrary to her ultimate goal of adding more units to Greater Boston's tight housing market.

"It's supply and demand," she said. "We need to work with our communitie and work with our builders."

The candidates also discussed the fate of the Hynes Convention Center, another neighborhood touchstone. State officials hope to sell the Hynes, which they have cast as outdated and underutilized, and use proceeds from the sale to fund an expansion of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Bok sharply criticized the state's plan, bemoaning the lack of community input on a sale that would impact residents and businesses alike. Nassour agreed that the community should have a larger say in the Hynes' fate, and she promised to convey these concerns to Governor Charlie Baker, who endorsed her. "I'm close with the governor, and we have been for a very long time," Nassour said. "This is one of those issues where the City Council can work with the state."
Sansone Receives Prestigious Award

By Dan Rabb

A driving force behind the transformation of Downtown Crossing, Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (BID) President and CEO Rosemarie Sansone was feted by city officials and business leaders last week for her decades of public service.

The former city councilor received the Norman B. Leventhal Excellence in City Building Award in Land Development at a ceremony last Tuesday at the Boston Harbor Hotel. Presented by business advocacy nonprofit A Better City, the award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the city’s built environment.

At the helm of the Downtown BID, Sansone has played a leading role in the area’s development from the Combat Zone into a robust business, retail and residential district. Her advocacy and political wrangling are credited with helping lure businesses to the formerly run down neighborhood.

The BID, created to promote economic development through neighborhood improvement initiatives, has grown to include programs ranging from infrastructure repairs and public art to job training for the homeless, all with the goal of making Downtown more attractive to employers.

While Sansone grew up in the suburbs and calls Lexington home, she says her connection to Downtown, and its business community, began long before heading the Downtown Crossing Partnership in 2007, which transitioned to the BID in 2010. As a child, Sansone would travel into Boston each Sunday with her father, the owner of a North Station restaurant. She would take her daughter on long tours of the downtown neighborhoods, trips she says became formative memories.

“My dad used to take me to this neighborhood when I was very young to walk the streets with him and learn about all the different facets of the retail businesses and its history,” Sansone said. “It’s been part of my life since forever.”

This connection continued into adulthood as Sansone launched a career in city politics, first as a staffer for former Attorney General and Lieutenant Governor Frank Bellotti and then as an at-large city councilor. After nine years in office, she joined the administration of Mayor Ray Flynn.

Sansone credits her time in the Flynn administration with laying the groundwork for her current work Downtown. In her role as Director of the Office of Business and Cultural Development, she coordinated high profile events like the Tall Ships and Concerts on the Common while simultaneously assisting with social services initiatives as a board member of the newly opened Long Island shelter.

In a presentation prior to Tuesday’s award ceremony, Flynn said Sansone emerged as a community builder who could bring contentious groups together for a common cause.

“She connected the cultural glory of Boston and Downtown Boston’s business community to the neighborhoods of the city,” he said. “She was a sophisticated politician too. She knew how to get things done and she knew how to open doors.”

After leaving City Hall, Sansone returned to Downtown as Suffolk University’s Director of Public Affairs before taking her current position with the BID, where her nine years in charge have seen the area revitalized as a hub of city life.

Her proudest moment, she says, was the opening of the Burnham building, which sat for years as a half-constructed scar in the heart of Downtown Crossing. Sansone says the building’s completion, with the neighborhoods first grocery store on its first floor, symbolized the area’s physical rejuvenation and its emergence as a true neighborhood.

“It’s something I still think about to this day,” she said. “It continued the transformation of the neighborhood, and it indicated that we had achieved some of what we had started.”

Downtown Boston Weed Dispensary Won’t Sell ‘Nips’

By Dan Rabb

A Downtown medical cannabis clinic seeking city permission to reopen as a recreational pot shop is promising to enact firm restrictions to eliminate lines and public smoking. At least for now.

Patriot Care, which has operated a medical marijuana facility on Milk Street since 2015, is currently petitioning city regulators and neighborhood groups in its quest for a license that would allow it to convert to a so-called adult use dispensary. A division of Canadian cannabis conglomerate Columbia Care, the company already runs recreational dispensaries in Greenfield and Lowell.

Some Downtown residents have expressed concern that a flood of customers to a recreational dispensary will create lines on the sidewalks and lead to public marijuana consumption throughout the area. They say the daily mob scene at the nearby NETA dispensary in Brookline would be ill suited to a downtown neighborhood that already struggles with congestion, open drug use and illegal drug dealing.

In response to these concerns, Patriot Care officials have verbally promised neighborhood groups that they will take steps to eliminate lines and discourage the sale of “pre-roll” cannabis products, at least in the short term.

Patriot Care CEO Bob Mayerson told a meeting of the Midtown Park Plaza Neighborhood Association (MPPA) last Wednesday that his company would see customers on an appointment-only basis, which he says would prevent lines outside the store. Mayerson also promised that if a line was to form, he would close the store for the day.

“The only caveat to that is when we open up in the morning, people are waiting for that first appointment, and we can’t let people in until we’re open,” said Mayerson. “That might be the only time you see some people outside.”

To deter public smoking in the area surrounding the proposed dispensary, Mayerson says his company will require a significant minimum purchase before customers are able to purchase joints or other ready-to-use marijuana products. Comparing the restriction to bans on hard liquor ‘nips’ enacted in some municipalities, he argues the policy will discourage those looking to get high right away on Boston Common or surrounding streets.

Yet as to whether these restrictions will be kept in place permanently, Patriot Care executives have been unwilling to make any firm commitments.

“Is this forever? I don’t have that answer for you today,” Mayerson told the MPPA. “There’s questions about how to work out the details around this.”

This raises red flags for some residents. They point to an agreement Patriot Care signed with... Continued on Page 8
Witch's Brew
On October 14 around 7:30 pm, a victim made a report at the District 4 police station for larceny at Caffé Nero, 114 New Edgerly Road.

Around noon that day, the victim sat outside the café with a friend. Then came the double, double toil and trouble. The fire burned and the caldron bubbled. Somewhere out there, a witch was searching for jewels such as coral or onyx, which can be used for trances or spells. When asked for identification, the man knew he was at the wrong place. He demanded his ID on the counter then stormed out, presumably to head toward the nearest metaphysical store.
The officer took the ID and mailed it to the listed address.

Searching for Jewels
One officer responded to a disturbance on October 15 around 3:20 am at 7-Eleven, 532 Commonwealth Avenue.
The store clerk explained a man had entered the store during the bewitching hour looking quite intoxicated. The man proceeded to ask the clerk for a Juul product. Abiding by the law, the clerk requested an ID in order to determine if the man was above the age of 21. This simple question irked the man to no end. He may not have been asking for e-cigarette products, but possibly in search of jewels such as coral or onyx, which can be used for trances or spells. When asked for identification, the man knew he was at the wrong place. He demanded his ID on the counter then stormed out, presumably to head toward the nearest metaphysical store.
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Trick or Treat
At about 10:30 am on October 15, an officer responded to a call for vandalism in progress at Public Alley 404.
Upon arrival, the caller informed the officer that two men were seen spray painting the rear of his building. The spray paint of choice? A lovely shade of tiddle-me-pink. Though a fine color, it did not go well with the caller's color scheme.
This could all have been avoided if the reporting party had left a bowl of candy corn outside. Just a classic case of trick or treat.

Who You Gonna Call?
On October 17 around 8:25 am, an officer responded to a radio call for a broken tree near 15 Symphony Road.

If there is something strange in your neighborhood, who you gonna call? If there is something weird and it don't look good, who you gonna call? Pick up the phone and call District 4. This even applies to ferocious winds that rip trees out from the ground then onto multiple vehicles.
The officer discovered three cars were trapped under a large tree. One car was covered completely from trunk to hood, this kept the owner from accessing the vehicle. Another owner was able to escape, but all cars were left with nasty dents and scratches. One vehicle even suffered from a warped bumper.
The officer cleared the road of debris, added the incident to City Hall's "tree list" and submitted the case on the 311 app.

A Real Pain in the Neck
One officer responded to El Pelon Taqueria, 92 Peterborough Street, for a breaking and entering report on October 19 around 7:55 am.
The restaurant manager had arrived to open up shop at 7 am. What he found would send shivers through his bones. The glass front door was shattered, food was thrown about and it appeared the cash register was scavenged.
After checking surveillance, the manager saw an unknown male break in just 45 minutes before. The male combed through the register, only to find nothing to put into the blood bank. Then he grabbed some food, but there was nothing satisfying enough to sink his fangs into, so he threw it on the ground.
The smell of garlic was in the air and the man dashed out of the restaurant. Officers collected fingerprints but the sucker is still out there somewhere.

Hit and Skele-Run
On October 19 around 2:15 am, an officer responded to a radio call for a hit and run at the intersection of Jersey and Queenberry Streets.
The victim, who was driving a white Nissan Sentra, had a bone to pick with another driver. After halting at a stop sign, a gray sedan rear ended the victim. As the victim continued and pulled over, the other car fled toward Park Drive with no attempt to stop.
There was no sorrowful bone in that person's body. The incident was far from humorous.
The Charles River Esplanade, with its tree lined paths and natural seeming beaches, can appear removed from Boston’s built environment. However, this landscape is entirely manmade. The Esplanade’s fields, islands and beaches were built from scratch over the last century, and even the Charles River itself is a manmade basin. The area’s evolution from polluted mudflat to park makes the Esplanade a little-known feat of human engineering.

“I don’t think there’s anything else quite like this,” said Karl Haglund, a state Department of Conservation and Recreation employee who has studied the Esplanade’s history.

For centuries, the lower Charles was a stagnant, polluted tidal estuary. Residents of the Back Bay and Beacon Hill tried to ignore the Charles, separating the noxious and muddy river from newly reclaimed land by a seawall and a row of homes facing away from the river.

By the late 19th century, though, public officials turned their attention to the river.

Before the league was formed, Boston lacked an NFL-sanctioned youth flag football program, Caldera explained. The demand was clear, though, with some Hill families traveling as far afield as Westwood to participate in flag football. After a strong first season, Hill House had enough participation this year to form 16 teams across four separate leagues, serving kids from kindergarten through 7th grade.

Some families are drawn to the sport, Caldera says, because football has become a mainstay in Boston’s sports scene, an ascent due in no small part to the New England Patriots’ dynastic success.

Plus, the rules of flag football are structured to encourage participation, Caldera explained. Teams play five-on-five without any linemen, meaning that virtually everybody is required to move around and work collaboratively during each play, a contrast with more sluggish and individualistic sports like baseball.

Caldera says the sport incorporates the strategic aspects of tackle football, but without the toughness and concussion risk that comes from allowing contact. He cast Hill House’s league as a safe alternative to tackle football, which has faced growing concerns about concussions at the professional and youth levels.

“A lot of the rules in place are meant for the safety of the children,” Caldera said. “This allows the same enjoyment of the sport, without the health and safety risks.”

As a unique offering with broad appeal, flag football attracts families from beyond Hill House’s core Beacon Hill constituency. Kids from as far as Dorchester and West Roxbury are enrolled, Caldera said, and Hill House has partnered with Match Charter School in Allston to extend the league to its students.

Teams are not assigned geographically, so a typical team could include players from across the city. This broad level of participation allows kids to make new friends from throughout Boston, Caldera noted.

“It’s a bit more far-reaching,” he said. “It’s been exciting to see that kind of mixture.”

The league’s wide popularity also helps Hill House to recruit coaches. Almost 30 people have volunteered to coach a team this year, including parents of players and community members, according to Caldera.

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Residents Losing Sleep Over Fenway T Work

By Joe Walsh

A flood resiliency project has brought a torrent of weekend construction to the Fenway Green Line station, leaving some neighbors tired of frequent nighttime noise.

The MBTA is installing a set of steel doors at the portal where Green Line trolleys emerge from underground and enter Fenway Station. These doors will close if the tunnel is at risk of being overwhelmed by water, preventing a repeat of the disastrous 1996 flooding of Kenmore Station. This system, along with the nearby Muddy River dredging project, will protect key local infrastructure from storms, according to T officials.

Construction on the portal project began in May 2018, and work will stretch across 10 more weekends between now and next spring. T officials say this work must take place over the weekend and overnight to prevent construction from interfering with regular Green Line service.

“The primary advantage of a weekend diversion over other work windows is the time available to improve the system,” said Angel Peña, the T’s chief of Green Line Transformation.

Some Fenway residents, however, are fed up with the loud noise and blinding lights that the project generates, a persistent disruption that locals have called erratic and difficult to predict. Noise from the Fenway station project often combines with nearby developments and other T projects, residents added, leading to a constant din of construction in a rapidly growing corner of the Fenway.

Almost immediately after the project began, nearby resident Sandeep Karnik was awoken by heavy machinery, bright floodlights and State Police cruisers. Since then, he says the noise emanating from the Fenway station has become detrimental to quality of life, especially as the project stretches well into its second year.

“There’s all kinds of noise, there’s all kinds of heavy equipment,” he said. “It was a pretty rowdy scene.”

Kathy Greenough from the Audubon Circle Neighborhood Association says the project is especially frustrating because of a perceived lack of communication, with bouts of construction often stopping and restarting with little warning. MBTA officials note that they reached out to community groups, but Greenough said most of the T’s outreach did not take place until after the project was set to begin.

“We were just incensed that we didn’t know about such a large project,” Greenough said. Continued on Page 8
More Money Coming To Methadone Mile

By Dan Rabb

The Walsh administration’s renewed efforts to address the crisis at Mass Ave and Melnea Cass Boulevard may get a million-dollar boost from Beacon Hill lawmakers.

Legislation approved by the House last week would direct $1 million in state funding to Boston’s expanding drug treatment and homelessness services in Newmarket and the South End, a plan branded by the Walsh administration as Mass and Cass 2.0. Currently under consideration by the Senate, the six-figure earmark would more than double the $750,000 already committed by Governor Charlie Baker to support the city’s initiative.

According to Representative Jon Santiago, the provision’s lead sponsor whose district includes the South End, the cash infusion will provide needed resources for those struggling with addiction and help ease the burden on neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by the opioid crisis.

“We have a tremendous opportunity to address this hard hit area, a neighborhood that has become the epicenter of the opioid epidemic,” Santiago told the House Chamber. “To put it quite plainly, this bill’s million-dollar investment to increase comprehensive public health services will not only save lives, but will extend a lifeline to an embattled community.”

If approved, the funds will be restricted to a handful of specific city programs, from street outreach teams and sober shelters to the expansion of women’s drop in centers and the STEP program, which offers job placement as an incentive for sustained sobriety. Yet how this money will be divided between these services and how it will be spent is in the hands of city officials.

“The money is going to the City of Boston, so it will be largely up to them to figure out exactly where that money is going to go,” Santiago said.

Administration officials do not have a specific plan for how they will use this additional income, according to Jennifer Tracey, director of the Mayor’s Office of Recovery Services. As part of the state’s supplementary budget, the funds would be a one-time infusion and must be spent by June 30, restrictions that Tracey says complicate its potential use.

“There’s a lot of challenges around that, so we’ll work with our partners to understand how it should be spent,” she said. “You can’t hire people generally with money that’s not sustained, but you are able to address some urgent needs and fill some gaps in the short term.”

Santiago cautions that the million-dollar earmark’s inclusion in the final supplementary budget is not a done deal. The bill still needs to be approved by the Senate.

Bay Village Readying For Years of Suffering

By Dan Rabb

Bay Village residents should brace themselves for years of constant construction that is likely to impact the neighborhood’s quality of life.

The potential construction chaos comes courtesy of two planned residential towers, already approved by city regulators, that would sit directly across the street from each other on the neighborhood’s northern border. The two enormous projects, just feet apart, could bring a hurricane of construction noise and traffic disruptions along Stuart Street.

Some residents are worried.

“It’s two massive projects against a tiny little neighborhood,” said Bethany Patten, president of the Bay Village Neighborhood Association (BVNA). “It’s going to be loud, it’s going to be dusty and it’s going to be ugly.”

The Boston Planning and Development Agency granted approval in early October to the proposed 310 foot tower at 201 Stuart Street, a condo and retail development rising 20 stories over the existing Motor Mart Garage. Its nearby counterpart, a 19 floor retail and residential mix at 212 Stuart Street, received approval in 2017.

Although the start dates of both projects are

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Docket No. SU19P2325SEA

**Estate of: James W. Kenough**  
Date of Death: 07/24/2019

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: Robert Kenough of Dorchester MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Michael K. Gillis Esq., of Newton MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

**Important Notice**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**Unsupervised Administration Under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)**

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

W/pro: Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court  
Date October 1, 2019  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Greenough and Karkn say they understand that the T needs to work on weekends and at night, but they would like the agency to better mitigate the noise. Greenough believes an occasional break from construction activity would help residents stomach the disruption.

“They need to give people a break,” Greenough said. “People need to be able to sleep.”

The MBTA maintains that its construction schedule is designed to limit neighborhood disruption. The project is taking place at the same time as a series of track and signal upgrades on the same stretch of the Green Line, reducing the amount of time that construction projects disrupt T service, according to Peña. Regardless, weekends and nighttime remain the most efficient times to take care of this essential work, officials say.

“The MBTA works diligently with our contractor to minimize construction-related impacts,” Peña said. “However, some of the work must be constructed at night to minimize adverse impacts to Green Line service.”

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filling a critical need for new parkland while also solving the river’s pollution problem.

The first step, completed in 1908, was to build a dam at the end of the river and redirect sewage to Boston Harbor. This dam eliminated the Charles’ mudflats, turning the river into a relatively clean basin with consistent water levels. The state simultaneously reclaimed a strip of land aside the Back Bay and Beacon Hill, creating a narrow grassy park and riverside walkway named the Esplanade.

This original design was widely seen as unsuccessful. A seawall blocked access to the Charles, and very few trees were planted, a concession to Beacon Street residents worried about losing their view of the river. Resident Earl F. Gates wrote in a 1915 review that the park had fallen short of its potential.

“Only an occasional figure braces the grates and heat of the sunlight on the unprotected esplanade,” he wrote. “The visions of our dreamers of dreams remain what they were a few brief years ago - visions.”

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For coach Scott Knous, the flag football program has invigorated his love of football, which dates to his days as a running back at Lake Forest College. He enjoys introducing kids to the sport, while also teaching them values like teamwork and strategic thinking.

“I could get a double victory,” Knous said. “The opportunity is to teach them the fundamentals of the game, but more importantly, to learn how to coexist and work together as a team.”

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clear the Senate and the Joint Appropriations Committee before landing on Governor Baker’s desk. Even with the provision’s co-sponsor Representative Aaron Michlewitz at the helm of the budgeting process as chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Santiago says he still needs to convince fellow legislators that Mass and Cass 2.0 deserves such a significant influx of taxpayer dollars.

“As a representative of the South End, we’re obligated to address the issues of the neighbor- hood,” he said. “But we had to make the case to our colleagues that this affects the whole city and the surrounding areas as well.”
Halloween Calendar

Saturday, October 26-
Sunday, October 27
Haunted Halls. Raffle, photo booth, activities, DJ and family friendly costume contest. For more information visit mos.org. $21-$26. Museum of Science, 1 Science Park. 9 am-5 pm.

Saturday, October 26
Myrtle Street Playground BOO! Party. Bake sale, games and crafts. Myrtle Street Playground, Myrtle St & Irving St. 10 am-12 pm.

Halloween Pet Parade and Costume Contest. Prizes awarded by a panel of judges for best owner and pet combo, local representation, most creative, best group and spookiest. Free. Faneuil Hall, West End. 12 pm.

Pumpkin Palooza. Free pumpkins, magic shows, pumpkin carving and train rides. Free. The Lawn on D. 12 pm.

SoWa Spooktacular. Final open market of the season and the annual Halloween bash with pumpkin painting, face painting and costume contest. Free. SoWa, 450 Harrison Ave. 10 am-4 pm.

PRU BOO! Trick or treat in the Prudential Center at over 50 participating stores followed by a children's concert and activities. $5 donation to receive a trick or treat bag. Prudential Center. 11 am-1 pm.

Seaport Hotel's Annual HOWL-O-WEEN. Costume party for four-legged friends with cash bar, special treats, prizes and activities. Free. Seaport Hotel, 1 Seaport Lane. 11 am-1 pm.

Annual Pumpkin Pageant & Dog Costume Contest. Face painting, pumpkin carving, dog costume parade, local bites, beer and wine. Free. $10 dog costume contest entry. 12-3 pm. For more information, visit FriendsOfFortPoint.org

Tadpole's Annual Halloween Block Party. Music, food, games, bounce house, petting zoo and more. Free. Chandler St at the corner of Clarendon St. 2-4 pm.

CSTO Haunted House. Castle Square Tenants Organization will host a haunted house for ages 5-21. Free. 476 Tremont St. For youth 10 and under, 5:30-6:30 pm. For youth 21 and under, 6-7 pm. Call (617) 482-4605 ext. 14 for more information.

Season 9 Kick-Off Halloween Party. Fresh Ink Theatre ushers in new season with food, drink and costumes. $25. 903 Boylston St. 7 pm.

Sunday, October 27
Beacon Hill Women's Forum Ghost Tour. Learn about the spooky side of Boston on a Ghosts & Gravestones Frightseeing tour. $40. Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, 200 Atlantic Ave. 7 pm.

14th Annual North End Neighborhood Halloween Party. Costumes, pizza, games, crafts, music and more. BCYF Nazzaro Center, North Bennet St. 3-6:30 pm. Titus Sparrow Park Halloween Party. Refreshments, entertainers, pre trick-or-treat fun. Titus Sparrow Park. 5-6 pm.

Halloween Party at Ringgold Park. Glow sticks for children and costume prizes. Ringgold St. 5 pm. Trick-or-treating begins at 6 pm.

Halloween at the Gibson House. The Gibson House will open its doors offering treats to trick or treaters. Free. 137 Beacon St. 6 pm.

Friday, November 1

Dia De Los Muertos Celebration. Submit a photograph and memory of a departed loved one to boston.gov/DiaDeMuertos to be displayed at the citywide altar by October 30. Copley Square.

Clarendon St Playground Halloween Party. Games, crafts and prizes. Costumes encouraged but not required. $10 per family. 260 Clarendon St. 2-4 pm.

Harvest Fest and Halloween Costume Party. Games, crafts, face painting, bake sale, free pizza and cider. Free. Phillips Street Play Area, Phillips St between Anderson and Garden Streets. 12-2 pm.

Haunted Graveyard Tour. Hear the surprising history of the burying ground with spooky and lurid tales of the South End. Free. South End Burying Ground, 2118 Washington St. 3 pm.

Boston Costume Dash. 5K on the Esplanade with hundreds of costumed runners followed by a 21+ after party for dashers. $35. Charles River Esplanade. 3-6 pm.

Clarence Crossing, 9 Summer St. 12-1:30 pm.

November 1- Saturday, November 2
Halloween Eat & Treat. Enjoy treats with friends and family before trick or treating. Free. Fenway CDC, Morrville House Community Room, 100 Norway St. 5:30 pm.

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With all that the Fenway, Back Bay and South End neighborhoods have to offer, it can seem nearly impossible to decide on which one to settle in. Each have strong communities, highly desirable architecture and remarkable homes.

Why not have easy access to all three? On Saint Stephen Street, the three neighborhoods meet and foster an area booming with culture, kinship and history. In close proximity, all practical necessities such as restaurants, grocery stores and parks, neighbor popular artistic venues like Boston Symphony Orchestra, Huntington Theatre Company and Christian Science Plaza. The cheery single family townhome at 30 Saint Stephen Street perfectly matches the surrounding area with its classic Boston red brick exterior and modern renovated interior.

Falling into the category of an Arts & Crafts style home, there are light-filled rooms, natural materials and several notable decorative aspects. This townhouse has four bedrooms, three full baths, two parking spots and an enclosed outdoor patio.

Original ornamental moldings are etched up the three floors of the grand winding staircase. On the first floor, residents will find a bright white framed demi-lune window in the dining room. This half circle window takes up nearly the entire wall, presenting a calming view of the tree lined street and front garden.

Through a dramatic rounded archway, which mimics the rounded statement window, visitors can make their way into the kitchen. Enjoy a cozy higher view of the greenery outdoors through the oriel window's adorable built in seat.

An additional large bedroom with a full bath is accessible from the main floor. Due to its location, this room is perfect for an office or in-law suite. This bedroom has access to the large gated back brick patio. Laundry and storage space can also be found on this floor.

As you walk up to the third level where two bedrooms and one en-suite bath can be found, a multi-paneled skylight will show glimpses of blue skies and sunshine above. All bedrooms have hardwood flooring and windows with white trim, cohesive with other molding found throughout the home.

30 Saint Stephen Street has 2,473 square feet and is priced at $2,395,000. Two off street parking spots come with the home. Located in the Symphony area of the Fenway, all needs are within walking distance such as Whole Foods, CVS Pharmacy, hardware store, endless restaurants, coffee shops and parks. Contact Leslie Adam of Coldwell Banker Beacon Hill at (617) 901-3664 for more information.
Beacon Hill Townhouse - 160 Mount Vernon Street
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