

Will Tall Hotel Make Kenmore Too Windy?



By Dan Rabb

The developers of a proposed 27 story hotel that would dramatically alter the face of Kenmore Square may encounter stiff headwinds in their quest for city approval.

Wellesley based Mark Development, LLC faces

questions about whether increased winds created by the tower would limit the new public plaza usage, which has been one of the project's key selling points.

If approved, the One Kenmore hotel would

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New Pickup Hours May Bring More Rats

By Joe Walsh

A plan to start trash pickup an hour earlier could lead to more garbage on curbs overnight, attracting rodents and reversing efforts to clean up the city's streets, neighborhood leaders warn.

Beginning in July, citywide trash collection

service is slated to shift to 6 am. Officials say this change, the result of a new five-year contract with Capitol Waste Services, will reduce the amount of time trash trucks spend in rush-hour traffic and allow workers to finish collection earlier.

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Dog Park Design Is Progressing

By Joe Walsh

Community leaders hope to prioritize a dog park in the upcoming Charlesgate Park renovation, a roughly \$10 million project that would overhaul a blighted space and

fill an unmet need for nearby dog owners.

Architects offered initial designs for Charlesgate at a meeting Wednesday night, the start of a yearlong design

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Methadone Mile Czar: No Immediate Fix

By Dan Rabb

Mass and Cass may have a new czar, but residents shouldn't hold their breath for major changes in the city's approach to so-called "Methadone Mile."

Mayor Marty J Walsh appointed William "Buddy" Christopher, the now former Inspectional Services Chief, last week as the point man for the city's efforts in the opioid and homelessness plagued area surrounding Melnea Cass Boulevard and Massachusetts Avenue.

While some residents and neighborhood activists expressed hope that Christopher's appointment will jump start innovative approaches to the area's problems, Christopher says he is not coming into the job with any particular plan of action.

"Right now I'm in a full blown fact finding and information gathering

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Neighborhood groups, however, worry that most residents will not wake up early enough to put their trash out before 6 am. Instead, they claim residents will toss their trash bags onto the curb the night before the biweekly pickup, leaving it vulnerable to rodents, raccoons and weather.

After years of encouraging downtown residents to put their trash out in the morning, some groups believe this time change undermines their efforts to alter neighbors' habits.

"This is a step backwards," says Robert

Whitney, president of the Beacon Hill Civic Association. "This will result in more rats on Beacon Hill and more trash on Beacon Hill."

Local exterminator Robert Lyons agrees, "I definitely think it would be conducive for rats," Lyons said.

According to city officials, many residents already put trash bags out at night, so a large increase in overnight garbage is not expected, even though placing bags in the morning is preferable. An earlier start will avoid traffic and get trash off the streets, Chief of Streets Chris Osgood says.

"If we're more efficient in the morning and cause less congestion in the afternoon, we feel it will be better for residents," Osgood said.

Some residents argue that, even if collection is

more efficient, a potential increase in overnight trash dumping will cause garbage to sit on city streets longer.

"I just don't see how an hour earlier can radically impact the pace that the trash is picked up," Nancy Morrisroe from the Bay Village Civic Association said.

Some Back Bay leaders, meanwhile, warn that noisy trucks could disturb residents at 6 am and neighborhood condo associations might face steeper cleaning costs if they need to start work before sunrise.

"There is going to be a potential new cost associated with this policy," says Robert Weintraub, co-founder of property management company Premier Capital Partners.

Even if collection is moved earlier citywide,

South End Forum Chairman Steve Fox says downtown areas need a delayed pickup because, unlike less dense neighborhoods, residents use loose trash bags.

City officials say they will address rodents and street cleanliness if residents report any problems after the time change takes effect. Still, the city's rodent control schedule has already been set, officials say, and a later downtown trash pickup time is not possible under the new contract.

Neighborhood leaders say many residents have expressed frustration at the policy change, which Fox believes will disproportionately hurt downtown.

"If the city moves forward, we'll see in very quick order the impact that this is going to have," he said.

Dog Park

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process. Construction funding has not been raised, leaving the project's completion date unclear.

A fenced-in area for dogs and owners is slated for the park's southern half, between Commonwealth Avenue and the Massachusetts Turnpike. The dog park would lie underneath the Bowker Overpass, making plant life tough to maintain, but project architects plan to fill the space with benches, granite climbing structures and several types of paving.

The design links the dog park with Newbury Street and the rest of Charlesgate, creating transparent paths that architect

Dan Adams says are safer than the current design's "inherently creepy" dead ends.

"You don't want to isolate people," says Adams, a principal at design firm Landing Studio. "You want to get them as tight together as possible."

The dog park, plus walking paths and a new Muddy River embankment, would replace the underused grassy areas that currently constitute Charlesgate, a park designed by Fredrick Law Olmstead that the Bowker Overpass carved up in the 1960s.

The overpass destroyed the park's natural features and caused pollution in the Muddy River underneath, architects said, gradually turning a key part of the Emerald Necklace into an eyesore. Designing a functional park in such a constrained space will prove challenging.

"The park has disappeared over time because of this conflict," says architect Marie Law Adams. "How can you maintain a park under an overpass?"

The Charlesgate Alliance aims to overhaul the entire park eventually, but leaders say a dog park will likely fall in the project's first phase, a reflection of the community's needs. Downtown neighborhoods have virtually no parks dedicated to canine residents, forcing many locals to use parks like Commonwealth Ave Mall where unleashed dogs are discouraged.

"There's really nothing here, but there are a lot of dogs [in the neighborhood]," Charlesgate Alliance member Jennifer Carter told *The Guardian*.

While the dog park would cost \$1.5 million on its own, the group does not plan to start building until it raises enough

public and private funds for other portions of the project. The park will better serve the neighborhood if multiple sections are completed simultaneously, the group says, and building the park in as few phases as possible will keep the overall cost down.

Back Bay resident Lisa Hazen is excited about the preliminary designs, but she urged leaders to move forward on constructing a dog park rather than waiting for ancillary details. Without a dog park closer to her home than Peters Park in the South End, she usually brings her dog, Fenway, to Commonwealth Mall, often drawing other park users' ire.

"I don't want to be yelled at anymore," Hazen told *The Guardian*. "I want a dog park."

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mode," Christopher told *The Boston Guardian*. "We hope to come up relatively soon, not in a long period of time, with some short term stuff that can have an immediate impact."

Christopher says that while he may push for such "little stuff" in the coming weeks, he sees the job less as a policy making position and more of, in his words, "a depository of information" to help coordinate the tangle of services the city provides. With so many initiatives and agencies targeting the area, from recovery services and health clinics to education efforts, traffic safety and law enforcement, Christopher says his job is making sure all the different players are

aware of what the others are doing.

"More times than not it's not coming up with new things, it's just making sure the connections are correct and that everybody understands what the expectations are," he says. "I'm in the process now of getting a list of every project and program that goes on down there at Melnea and Mass. I have this thesis that by linking all this stuff together, we can get more out of the same level of effort."

A lack of communication has not just been an issue between the various branches of city government. With the state and private organizations providing services as well. Many have pointed to a lack of coordination across jurisdictions as a key factor in the area's deterioration. Christopher says his role is not explicitly to bridge these jurisdictional gaps. However,

he believes the situation will improve once non-city providers realize they can turn to him for help.

According to Christopher, his appointment shows the administration's commitment to improving the area and to helping its troubled transient population. At the same time, he's skeptical what he portrays as sensationalist depictions of "Methadone Mile." He says some of the more horrific portrayals of the area he's seen on social media do not necessarily reflect reality.

"It's a vibrant commercial, industrial, a bit of residential and medical area — that's the way it should be," he says. "I think a lot of things you hear on social media are ill-founded. I'm not saying some of the comments are not without foundation, but I think sometimes people exaggerate what it is."

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10 years of Boston's beloved horses

The Friends of the Boston Park Rangers Mounted Unit recently celebrated their 10th anniversary at 14 Beacon Street while raising funds for the benefit of Boston's beloved horses. The funds were used to purchase their first custom made three horse trailer. The Mounted Unit patrols the Emerald Necklace Parks to keep them secure.



Non-Profit Planning 'Cultural Campus'

By Dan Rabb

As the operators of the Old South Meeting House and Old State House prepare to join forces, the stewards of both landmarks hope to create a "cultural campus" on the blocks between the two iconic tourist sites.

The boards of the Bostonian Society and the Old South Association voted earlier this month to consolidate into a single nonprofit. Should the merger be approved, the newly combined organization intends to expand beyond the walls of its two historic properties to create an open educational and cultural zone on Washington Street.

The two-block stretch would host colonial era reenactments and historically oriented street performances. Through clear branding and educational signage, organizers hope to engage tourists and passersby who might not otherwise visit Old South or the Old State House.

"We're looking forward particularly to doing a kind of enhanced interpretive program," said Martha McNamara, chair of the Bostonian Society board. "We're really creating a larger, more stable and

cohesive platform for interpreting the history of the revolution."

While the initiative is at least two years from fruition, the Bostonian Society leadership has already spoken with city officials, Downtown Boston BID and area vendors about what could be a significant change to one of Boston's tourist hotspots.

In addition to the potential changes along Washington Street, McNamara says the merger between the Bostonian Society and the Old South Association will create a better educational experience for Freedom Trail visitors. She says that at present, the Freedom Trail provides a fragmented narrative across different sites rather than a single curated story.

"There has been talk about bringing together the sites on the Freedom Trail for years and years," she said. "But it's just such a complex system of small organizations that trying to figure out how that might happen or what the larger entity would be has been a real stumbling block."

According to McNamara, the two buildings are well suited for telling a

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By Caroline Broderick

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Too Good To Be True

On June 3 around 4:40 pm, a victim walked in to the District 4 office to make a report for fraud.

A week prior, the victim found an apartment listing on Craigslist for a luxury apartment at 416 Marlborough Street for \$1,265 a month. See any red flags yet?

The dialogue between the victim and unknown suspects seemed very believable. The "property manager" sent along details about the unit and requested the victim fill out an application. The victim signed the lease. All of this occurred over email, no telephone calls and no number. Another red flag.

The victim proceeded to celebrate the newfound home and wired the first month's rent plus security deposit to the provided accounts. Days later, the "property manager" agreed to show the victim her new home. He never showed.

The concierge at the apartment complex told the victim that their building has been a target for scams before and the unit she "rented" was not even on the market.

Mike Lowell's Biggest Fan

On June 4 at about 7 am, two officers responded to a call for a breaking and entering report on Columbus Square.

Officers talked to the victim who explained that she checked her security camera footage from the previous night only to discover an unknown suspect had broken into the building at around 3 am. In the footage, the unknown suspect forced the building door open then left with items in his hands.

It appeared that the suspect got into the victim's storage area and caused a ruckus. Items were strewn about but there was one specific item the victim noticed was gone: a \$1,000 autographed Mike Lowell Red Sox jersey. Suspiciously, the suspect wore a blue

jacket and dark baseball cap. Could this be the work of a Yankees fan?

Among the jersey, a Cannondale bicycle and a telescope were noted to be missing. If you see a man riding a bicycle wearing a Lowell jersey and gazing at the stars all at the same time, you know who to call.

Guitar Center Swindler

An officer responded to a radio call for a larceny in progress on June 4 around 4 pm at Guitar Center, 1255 Boylston Street.

The larceny in progress was no work of a stranger but instead, an employee. The store manager told officers that while conducting a monthly inventory he noticed two limited edition keyboards were nowhere to be found. This pushed the manager to check security footage where he saw his own employee taking boxes of inventory out to his car.

This stealthy stealing began occurring at the beginning of May. The manager decided to confront the crook employee about the theft. The employee admitted to having one of the limited edition keyboards in his car and promised he could retrieve the rest of the stolen items if only given a chance. Sorry bud, your chance flew out the window when you started stealing from your employer.

Five items had been taken by this employee, all totaling to over \$4,000. Officers arrested and charged the employee for larceny over \$1,200.

The Mysterious Slap

A District 4 officer took a walk-in report on June 4 at about 4:20 pm for assault and battery.

The reporter, a taxi driver, told the officer that only a couple hours earlier in the day he picked up a passenger from Washington Street when a random act of violence thrust itself into his life.

An unknown female driver in another motor vehicle pulled up next to the cab driver, got out of the car and then smacked the driver straight in the money maker, his face. The driver had zero clue about the identity of the female but he did take notes on her vehicle and license plate.

Beware: at any moment, a stranger could decide you have a smackable face.

A Day at the Spa

On June 5 at about 5:26 pm, officers responded to a larceny report from Viyada Thai Spa, 336 Newbury Street.

An unknown male had entered the spa earlier and attempted to take items from behind the counter. Security footage shows the "heavy set" male suspect attempting to maneuver himself behind the reception desk before employees verbally fought him out.

Surprisingly, this is the second incident involving the same suspect and spa. There must be something special behind that counter. This was no relaxing day at the spa.

Officers were unable to locate the suspect.

Return of the Backpack

A bit past noon on June 8, three officers were approached by a victim who reported her backpack as missing.

The victim told officers she worked at a brand

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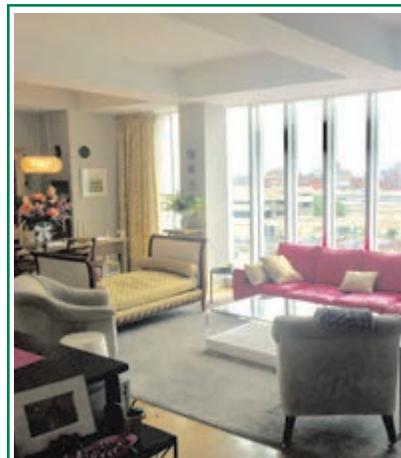
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Hill House Is Going Drone

By Joe Walsh

Hill House will introduce students to remote-controlled drones this fall through an unconventional class designed to teach elementary and middle schoolers about a burgeoning field.

The class aims to use unmanned aerial vehicles as a means of teaching about engineering and physics, says Hill House Executive Director Lauren Hoops-Schmieg. Drones have soared in popularity for commercial and military uses in recent years, though Hoops-Schmieg says this class will focus on the smaller recreational copters often flown by hobbyists.

Students will build their own drones using a set of parts, which will introduce them to the design process for drones and to principles of flight like lift and thrust, Hoops-Schmieg says.

“They’ll get to see what’s involved in putting it together,” she said.

As recreational drones have surged in popularity and plummeted in price, some public officials have expressed concern about their safety in the hands of untrained, unlicensed operators.

Though the Federal Aviation Administration has restricted drone flying in areas with significant plane traffic, some owners have ignored these rules. Drones have crashed in pedestrian heavy areas and nearly collided with passenger planes, causing public scares and occasional run ins with police. Red Sox players and fans were recently startled by an

unknown operator who flew a drone over Fenway Park in April, sparking a federal and local joint investigation that identified the operator as a child.

Students at Hill House will primarily fly their drones indoors, avoiding hefty federal restrictions and licensing hurdles in areas surrounding Boston. Still, Hoops-Schmieg says the class may apply for permits to test out their work outside, which would allow students to learn about wind and weather impacts. Hill House’s class will cover safe drone operation, she says.

The class, designed by a third party curriculum company, will join a growing roster of Hill House courses that focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), Hoops-Schmieg explained. Families often request STEM classes on specific topics, she says.

While more general STEM courses are offered for younger children, classes about drones, robotics and video game design aim to capture 9- to 14-year-olds’ interest by challenging them with in-depth topics.

“Kids start to narrow their focus a bit more at this age,” Hoops-Schmieg said.

Beyond serving kids who are interested in aeronautics, Hoops-Schmieg believes narrowly focused classes can reach a wide range of students by applying science and engineering themes in exciting ways.

“It reinforces the idea of making learning fun without them realizing they’re learning,” she said.

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'Tis the Season for Rental Rip-offs

By Joe Walsh

The Fenway's annual influx of summer renters and subletters could bring a spike in online apartment rental scams, a widespread con that has already victimized some residents this year, state and local law enforcement officials say.

Scam artists frequently post apartment listings on online services like Craigslist, complete with stock photos, apartment specifications and even a street address. Renters contact the scammer and are quickly pressured into sending personal information or wiring a deposit for the fake apartment.

Last month, someone from out of town wired money for a nonexistent Fenway apartment after a scammer tricked her into believing a deal too good to be true: a fully furnished one-bedroom on Boylston Street, listed on Craigslist for \$1,300. By the time the renter caught on and reported the incident to the police, she had lost \$2,600.

Another victim fell for a fraudulent apartment a week later, writing a check for \$2,530 for a fake sublet on Marlborough Street. In both cases, the renters showed up for apartment tours, where confused building staff informed them their apartments were not available for rent.

Law enforcement officials say these scams

can hit any neighborhood at any time but they are most common in the summer months when scores of college students and people from out of town search for summer sublets and September leases.

"We have a huge amount of people moving back into the city, many of them being students," says Boston Police Sergeant John Boyle.

Craigslist scammers frequently target students, especially if they are based in another city and cannot visit an apartment on their own, says Boston University (BU) Police Chief Kelly Nee. BU's police department has taken several fraud reports over the past year, though most are referred to Boston and Brookline police.

Nee says BU tries to educate students on the risks of apartment scams but the popularity of sites like Craigslist aggravates the problem.

"The scammers are getting very sophisticated," Nee said.

Still, officials say these scams have identifying characteristics. Some listings offer rents well below the market rate, such as the fraudulent \$1,300 Fenway apartment. Scammers will often use fear and urgency to persuade renters to send a deposit as quickly as possible.

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Party Time

The Fenway Civic Association held its annual picnic on Tuesday at the Kelleher Rose Garden.



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Mega Spoons Will Deal With Heroin Use

By Joe Walsh

The mega spoons created by artist Domenic Esposito, twisted and burned to symbolize heroin use, have been a display of protest art directed at pharmaceutical companies.

Now, Esposito is bringing some of his spoons to the South End, not as an indictment of the epidemic's perpetrators, but as a memorial to its victims.

The artist will display his Opioid Spoon

sculptures this weekend at the South End's Canvas Fine Arts Gallery, less than a mile from the intersection of Mass Ave and Melnea Cass Boulevard where recovery clinics and open drug abuse have led to the pejorative label "Methadone Mile."

The local artist's return to Boston marks the end of a one month East Coast tour, during which he heard countless harrowing stories about addiction and overdose.

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Cathedral Students Joining Tech Ranks



By Dan Rabb

A team of students from Cathedral High School has joined the ranks of Boston's tech entrepreneurs.

Calling themselves the Cathedral Innovation Panthers, the group of 11 students partnered with South End, audio industry pioneer and co-founder of Cambridge SoundWorks Tom DeVesto to create a Bluetooth speaker branded after the cry of the school's fierce feline mascot: the Roar.

After a successful crowdfunding campaign raised the capital required for manufacturing, the first units of Roar are set to be unveiled in August. Students requested a fundraising goal of \$5,000 and with 48 backers they received a total of \$5,487. Six months ago, the Innovation

Panthers were only an engineering club in search of a direction.

"We didn't even decide until this January that we were going to build a speaker," said Clinton Osula, the group's student founder, who will be studying mechanical engineering at Wentworth Institute of Technology this fall. "We didn't know what we wanted to do or what the point of the club was at first."

In fact, the club didn't exist at all until December, when DeVesto met Cathedral's Director of Development Ted Priestly. DeVesto, one of the world's best known designers of consumer electronics and a stalwart of Boston's startup scene, was impressed by what he heard about the high school down the street from his home.

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Public Meeting

Urban Renewal Community Meeting

Monday, June 24
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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Boston Planning and Development Agency

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transform the western half of Kenmore Square, reroute a section of Beacon Street and create a half-acre plaza around the base of the building. The developers made this new public area a centerpiece of their pitch to residents and city regulators, portraying it as a much-needed destination for al fresco dining, outdoor concerts and all manner of leisure activities.

Yet a developer funded wind impact report released last week suggests that large sections of the plaza may not be pleasant for relaxing with coffee and a book. The study shows only three of 32 locations on the plaza would meet the city's standard of "comfortable for sitting" based on average wind speeds. According to these criteria, the majority of the plaza is considered comfortable only for pedestrian traffic, not sitting or standing. Three spots are classified simply as "uncomfortable."

While the study's results are complex and subject to some interpretation, an analyst who regularly evaluates similar projects told *The Boston Guardian* that the report could spell trouble for One Kenmore.

"It seems pretty clear to me that parts of the plaza aren't going to be pleasant, so that's definitely an issue," he said. "And you have to remember that this is the developer's own study, so it's putting things in the best possible light."

The increased street level winds outlined in the report are expected with a high rise like One Kenmore which is taller than its surroundings, says

Brendan Bowen, an architectural designer who worked on the building's initial plans. According to Bowen, the project's wind impact is less than he anticipated, although he would not comment on the consequences for the proposed plaza.

"There's always going to be a tradeoff," he offered.

Kenmore residents will have a chance to weigh this tradeoff Monday night when the developers take the unusual step of presenting the wind study at a city-mandated public meeting.

Tim Czerwienski, project manager at the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) overseeing One Kenmore's application, acknowledged that the project's wind impact is receiving special scrutiny. He says the building's flatiron shape and the architect's commitment to certain design elements make wind mitigation difficult. There's also the importance of the plaza.

"It's such an integral part of what we consider the public benefit of the project," Czerwienski says. "If we have this nice, new public space but you can't sit down and read a newspaper because your newspaper blows away, it's not really a benefit."

Representatives from Mark Development declined to comment directly for this story, but a public relations firm provided an emailed statement credited to Principal Damien Chaviano:

"An important benefit to the One Kenmore project is the public plaza, not just as a pedestrian pass through, but as an active gathering space. We are working closely with architects on the design of the building, landscape designers on streetscape and activation team to assure that this is a lively, comfortable community space. We are confident that we can meet that goal."

"Intellectually, the two sites work together really well," McNamara said. "We're going to be able to tell the story in a more coherent way that makes more sense to people."

The merger will also improve internal operations at both historic sites, according to McNamara.

"They have an excellent visitor service team there, we don't have that, but they don't have an in house facility manager and we do," McNamara says. "In many ways we knit together almost like a zipper."

phone had been located. And there he was, the suspect, sitting by a pond rummaging through the hot pink backpack. Officers were told the bag belonged to the suspect but they were able to see the victim's ID and credit cards inside the bag.

This glorious rat race came to an end and the suspect was quickly arrested then searched. A bit of a mysterious substance thought to be heroin had been found in the suspect's possession.

Department, meanwhile, assigns each report to a general investigative detective or to the special investigative unit if it is part of a trend.

Boyle advises potential renters against paying for a deposit via wire transfer and steering clear of listings with suspiciously good rates or terms. Most importantly, he says renters can avoid most scams simply by visiting the apartment.

"If you're actually there and use all your senses to see what the place is, you know what you're getting," he said.

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Mega Spoons

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Residents in more than a dozen cities signed a spoon, symbolizing the loss of their family members to opioids.

"It's a symbol of accountability, but it's also a symbol of awareness," Esposito said. "It's basically creating a memorial."

Despite the opioid epidemic's ubiquitous toll and the thousands of lives it has ended, Esposito says conversations about the problem are often stifled. Community members have trouble discussing their friends' and relatives' struggles with addiction, he says.

For Esposito, the problem is personal. His brother has suffered from addiction for more than a decade, which he says made him acutely aware of opioids' potency and the lack of available recovery services.

"There's both a stigma and a cry for help," he said. "Everybody feels like they're alone."

Esposito initially targeted his sculptures at the pharmaceutical companies he says are responsible for the epidemic. He focused particularly on Purdue Pharma, whose aggressive marketing of the opioid painkiller OxyContin allegedly led to over prescription and addiction. A lawsuit filed this year by Attorney General Maura Healey accuses the

company of overstating the drug's benefits and downplaying its risks.

Esposito placed an 800 pound heroin spoon in front of Purdue's Stamford, Conn. headquarters last year, a reference to the illicit drug to which OxyContin abusers often turn. That action drew sympathetic protests, extensive media coverage and temporary confiscation by the police. He placed another spoon outside the Food and Drug Administration, which Esposito says did not properly regulate Purdue.

He says this focus on corporate responsibility is essential to addressing the opioid abuse crisis.

"Unless we cut the head off the snake, it's going to continue," Esposito said.

Rather than protest, the artist's newest sculptures are designed to boost awareness. After visiting the South End, he hopes to bring the spoons to cities nationwide for public display, including a potential return to Boston this fall.

Amid the suffering visible throughout his tour, Esposito says he saw inspiring local work to reduce harm and fight addiction. Still, he believes more recovery work and regulatory action are needed at the national level. He hopes to encourage these changes through conversation.

"We're at the cusp of some real community-level changes that will start saving some lives," he said.

Roar

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The fact that Cathedral sends every student on to secondary education, despite most hailing from underserved communities and 86% of students receiving government assistance, struck DeVesto. Wanting to do more than write a check, DeVesto asked if there were any students interested in innovation and entrepreneurship who wanted to start a project with him.

The newly minted Innovation Panthers met for the first time that month, bouncing around product ideas ranging from a sustainable car to a concussion limiting football turf. With limited time until the end of the year, group decided to leverage their new teacher's skillset, which just so happened to align with their own interest in music. Roar was born, at least in concept.

While DeVesto handled some of the technical engineering, the students took charge of the development. They created the speaker's aesthetics and branding, chose its features and

specifications based on consumer demand and manufacturing costs and drafted the plans for a prototype. Beyond the design and engineering of the product, the teens also raised capital, developed marketing and developed management skills to bring their design to market.

In other words, they had to be entrepreneurs. DeVesto says Roar is a remarkable achievement, especially for students with little prior exposure to the startup world.

"I've never seen a more motivated group of kids," DeVesto says.

Following the Kickstarter, DeVesto, Priestly and the Innovation Panthers are looking at how to bring Roar to the market. They say a number of companies have expressed interest in ordering the product and next year's iteration of the club may focus on growing the business.

Osula hopes next year's class has a project of its own. Both he and Priestly say they want other local business leaders to follow DeVesto in volunteering their time and expertise.

"We're also hoping there are other South End residents or business owners who will want to get involved in the same way," Priestly says.

'Cultural Campus'

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joint narrative. While the Old State House was the seat of government in colonial Boston, the Old South Meeting House was the site of what she calls "informal politics," where citizens met to discuss the issues of the day and ultimately organize against the crown.

Police Report

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tent during the Pride Parade when she noticed her hot pink backpack went missing. Inside were her car keys, wallet and cell phone. Aha! Cell phone! Officers requested the victim use a friend's phone to locate the missing phone via Find My iPhone.

Officers rode their bicycles near Massachusetts Avenue and Huntington Avenue where the

Rental Rip-offs

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"Not everything on the internet is the truth," Boyle said. "If it's too good to be true and you're getting pressure, there's something wrong."

Most reports of rental scams are referred to local law enforcement and the Federal Trade Commission, a spokesperson for the state Attorney General's Office says. Boston Police

How to Celebrate Fifty

Tom Kershaw celebrated his 50th anniversary of owning the Hampshire House on Monday with a luncheon and a gala evening party which attracted over 500 residents and bold facers.



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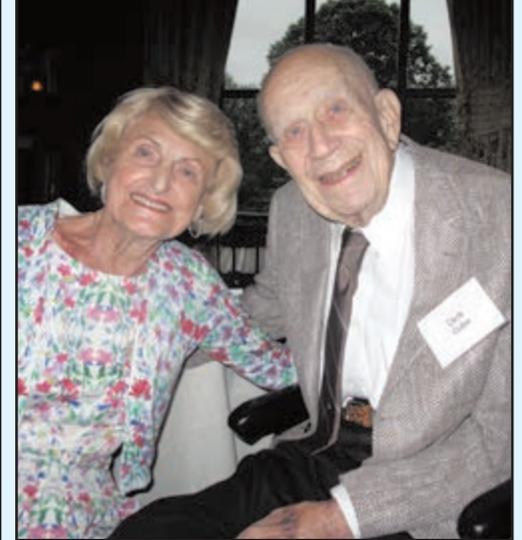
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Our Local Real Estate



28 Garden Street

Situated on the corner of Phillips and Garden is 28 Garden Street, a townhome that is quintessentially Beacon Hill. Among the apartment and condominium buildings on Beacon Hill, Garden Street is a hidden jewel of a location. This single-family home is surrounded by other single-family homes recently purchased or upgraded, though each one has its own charm, together they create an ideal street.

History runs through the beams of this townhome but its character and charm speak for themselves. With a total of eight rooms and four floors, this three-bedroom, three-bathroom home is ideal for those who love to entertain. As the green front door opens, the home welcomes you in with a spacious foyer and wide pine wood flooring.

The first floor is fitted with a kitchen, dining room and bathroom. The recently upgraded kitchen is spacious enough for any home chef with its two ovens, wide sink, large island and neatly placed shelving. In a time long ago, the kitchen walls had an open-fire oven embedded into the brick, a remnant of past times. Today, these

inserts into the walls have been transformed into tasteful, modern storage for fine plates, vases and more wine.

The gorgeous kitchen is paired nicely with an easy escape route to the powder room or the first outdoor patio of this residence. Besides the blue stone side patio, the townhome comes with access to the roomy rooftop deck giving residents a reclusive escape and special view.

One of the most enticing aspects of this abode is the hidden temperature-controlled wine cellar located in the basement, which can fit up to 700 bottles. There are other various hidden pleasures in this home such as the living space's wet bar, third floor media room or bedroom with surround sound, multiple skylights and fireplaces.

Adjacent to the gem of the first floor is a dining room with views onto Garden Street. Unlike the other townhomes nearby, 28 Garden Street is a three window wide home compared to many of the typical two window wide homes. A seemingly small detail though the extended width makes a significant difference.

Notable characteristics of the residence are the exposed brick walls and ceiling beams. These aspects provide the

already welcoming house a rustic, homey feeling. The living room on the second floor is doubled with a joined family room, double the space for double the enjoyment. The original pocket doors are still usable in this space.

The living spaces are not the only spacious amenity here. The townhome is built for its masters. The entire third floor is entirely dedicated to the master bedroom and bath with three closets, two being large walk-ins with custom racks and shelves. Built-in wall shelving is seen throughout the home, providing endless possibilities for décor or storage. The shelving can be seen on the fourth floor bedrooms which light up from several bright skylights.

Garden Street is in between the lively Cambridge Street and peaceful Phillips Street, public transportation, tennis courts and playgrounds. The home also has a new furnace and tankless hot water. This 2,823 square foot home with notable upgrades is listed for \$2.35 million. Contact Rebecca Davis Tulman of Coldwell Banker at (617) 510-5050 for a viewing or more information.

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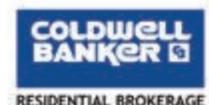


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