

## 2018 LOVE YOUR BLOCK SPRING CLEANUP

On May 5, 2018, residents will join together for the annual cleanup in neighborhoods across the City of Boston.

All groups and individuals must register. Registration will open March 1 and end April 27. After registering, your neighborhood contact will reach out to you with more information.

### Pickup And Dropoff Locations For Tools

- Bay Village - (8 a.m. at Church and Melrose Park)
- Roxbury - (9 a.m. at Washington Park Mall)
- South End - (9 a.m. at Franklin Park and Boston Center Arts)

Love Your Block's mission is to provide opportunities for all Bostonians to become civically involved in our community. They envision Boston as being a place where all Bostonians can volunteer their time maintaining and improving their city, one block at a time.

## Shattuck Hospital Care Coming To South End

BY SUE O'CONNELL

Governor Charlie Baker's administration plans to purchase the Newton Pavilion at Boston Medical Center's (BMC) campus and transfer 260 patient beds currently treated at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital there

in 2021. The Shattuck is located at 180 Morton Street in Jamaica Plain.

A Health and Human Services spokesperson said in a statement that, "the administration has carefully weighed many options and communicated with stakeholders about renovation needs," and "the best option for patients that will also

save taxpayers nearly \$200 million."

Steve Fox, chair of the South End Forum, told WBUR that "he hopes the state will use the sprawling facility in Jamaica Plain to ease the concentration of addiction treatment services near the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard."

## Waitress a Satisfying Serving

**Waitress the Musical** national tour presented by Broadway in Boston, Opera House, through March 4. [BroadwayinBoston.com](http://BroadwayinBoston.com) or 800-982-2787

BY JULES BECKER

Carl Sagan once observed, "If you want to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first create the universe." By the great astronomer's standards, Jenna is a baking creator extraordinaire. In fact, the fictional restaurant sensation proved a kind of pie guru in the very flavorful American Repertory Theatre 2015 world premiere "Waitress the Musical," based on the satisfying 2007 film of the same name.



Desi Oakley as pie maker Jenna in tour of "Waitress the Musical" (Joan Marcus photo)

The ingredient-rich national tour at the Opera House (a Broadway in Boston presentation) offers musical-hungry patrons the same

warm and winning recipe of hope and empowerment as the original effort

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## Winter fun?

Youngsters decorate the community mural at the February 21 Children's Winter Festival on Boston Common hosted by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department as temperatures reached 70 degrees. Attractions included the 45-foot-long Toboggan Tunnel with twin roller lanes, the 30-foot-high inflatable Everest Climb N Slide, the Snow Mazing maze, and games including giant Connect 4, Baggio bean bag toss, and inflatable Skee Ball and Plinko. In addition, the Highland Street Foundation sponsored a week-long Winter Camp at the Boston Common Frog Pond with free skating and rentals for all ages. Photo: Jon Seamans

## Community Update

### 771 Harrison Avenue redevelopment plan

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

On Monday, March 5, representatives of Bodwell Pines, the Natick-based developer of the Cosmopolitan, formerly Immaculate Conception Church at 771 Harrison Avenue, and Raul Duverge, Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) project manager for developer review at 6:00 PM at the D-4 police station, 650 Harrison Avenue.

The March 5 meeting makes

up for the last-minute cancellation of a previously scheduled meeting on January 25 due to a schedule conflict on the part of Bodwell Pines president Ronald Simons. The plan for the 63 unit project, currently in under review at the BPDA, has gone through a number of iterations, originally proposed as condos with a garage beneath the building.

Upon further consideration,

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Daytime street cleaning resumes Thursday, March 1.

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This event is free with free childcare.  
To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-university-winter-learning-conference-registration-42686475397>

### 9th Annual Black History and Chinese New Year Celebration

Join The Castle Square Tenants Association for their 9th Annual Black History & Chinese New Year Celebration.

Friday, March 2, 2018, 6 pm- 8:30 pm  
Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology, 41 Berkeley Street, Boston

### Gardens in Titus Sparrow Park

Community garden plots are available in Titus Sparrow Park in the South End between Columbus Ave and the Southwest Corridor Park along West Newton street and West Rutland square.

More information at [www.Titusparrowpark.org](http://www.Titusparrowpark.org)

### Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz Announces New Neighborhood Office Hours

Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz has announced neighborhood office hours for the Spring of 2018. Office Hours, held by Sen. Chang-Díaz and her staff, will take place within each of the neighborhoods of the Second Suffolk District.

South End – Tuesday, March 6, 10-11AM, South End Community Health Center, 1601 Washington Street, Boston



## Waitress

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that remains a Broadway hit.

Fans of the movie, scripted by the late talent Adrienne Shelly, know all too well that Jenna's empowerment is achieved only through dealing with personal and professional challenges. She finds her loveless marriage to abusive Earl as much of a trap as her mother's—particular after discovering that she is pregnant and soon learning that Earl has lost his job.

Waiting tables in the American South at the off-highway Joe's Pie Diner provides no real satisfaction. Fondly recalling helping her mother bake pies when she was nine years old, she finds a kind of imaginary haven in her own creations. Eventually her vaunted repertoire reaches 27 varieties, and a looming pie-baking competition with a sizeable cash prize holds open the possibility of escape from Earl.

Musical book author Jessie Nelson and composer-lyricist Sara Bareilles have adapted

Jenna's story well. Here too the vulnerable heroine finds encouragement and warm friendship in a kind of professional three-woman sisterhood with savvy Becky and somewhat ditzy Dawn.

Here too an affair with equally married, tall and handsome OB/GYN Dr. Jim Pomatter (who has replaced the retiring physician Lily Perkins she cherished) accelerates her arrival at a moment of truth. She has averted that necessary moment through waiting tables and even tailoring pies and their names to the respective situations and evolving fortunes of her customers—for instance, a "Betrayed by My Eggs Pie."

If her distinctive pies can reflect her own discontent—initially an "I Don't Want Earl's Baby Pie," they ultimately also indicate her transcendence. For fans of the film, Jenna's final personal and professional choices will ring true once again. For all audience members, the different closing fortunes of all three waitresses should prove as filling and satisfying as a prize-winning pie.

A.R.T. artistic director Diane Paulus continues to sharply supervise the vivid Nelson-Bareilles two-act entrée. Scott Pask keeps the diner well-detailed with prop-rich set pieces that wheel on and off and side cases with revolving pies.

While Desi Oakley may not be quite as dynamic as the amazing Jesse Mueller was in the Cambridge premiere, she has all of Jenna's heart and resourcefulness. Oakley also sings well—in harmony with Charity Angel Dawson as Becky and Lenne Klingaman as Dawn in an appealing trio that recalls the waitress threesome in the sitcom "Alice" and in duet with Bryan Fenkart as Pomatter—notably on the affecting number "You Matter to Me." Her best rendition comes on the haunting stand-out solo lament "She Used to Be Mine."

Dawson captures Becky's attitude and turns in a belting showstopper on the acerbic waitress' signature number "I Didn't Plan It." Klingaman is properly flaky as Dawn, but Jeremy Morse is scene-stealing good as her idiosyncratic new boyfriend Ogie—particularly kicking high on the amusing number "I Love You Like a Table." Fenkart has the right funky nonchalance as Pomatter. The only weak area, despite Morse's singular moves, is Lorin Lattaro's generally uninspired choreography.

Vendors are circulating through the Opera House aisles selling fitting yet fairly pricey individual pies. Ambitious audience members are likely to try their own hand at larger creations after enjoying the homespun pleasures of "Waitress."

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organization helping our youth," Having been part of the Dorchester community for 94 years, H. Levenbaum Insurance Agency continues to take an active role in supporting area youth and help develop them into strong leaders in our community.



(Left to right) Natalia, Marcos, Viet, Windy Issokson with KW Insurance, Bob Scannell President and CEO of Dorchester Boys and Girls Club, Alan Issokson with KW Insurance In front of Alan Issokson is Chris and Rionilsa

## Community Update

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Bodwell Pines changed the units to apartments and amended the parking scheme, scrapping the construction of a garage as structurally infeasible and substituting 40 parking spaces at James Court instead. The most recent proposal is for 63 condominiums with an increase to 45 parking spaces at James Court.

Since the project first came before the community at meetings of the Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association (B/FSNA) and Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSANA), neighbors have expressed a number of concerns including the design modifications regarding the roof and the East Concord Street side of the building; the large proportion of one-bedroom to two- or three-bedroom, family-sized units; the placement of HVAC equipment; parking and the developer's decision to locate all six affordable units off-site.

Attorney Marc Lacasse, who represents Bodwell Pines on the Cosmopolitan development, presented the updated plan at the January meetings of both B/FSNA and WSANA. Recalling the B/FSNA meeting, Lacasse said, "I thought it went very well they were very receptive to the concept of homeownership." The new plan met with more resistance at WSANA, where some members were skeptical of the new parking arrangement and a number of concerns were raised surrounding

construction provisions.

Residents have expressed worries about both construction-period and long-term logistics at the Cosmopolitan. Reservations surrounding parking are two-fold: one is the number of parking spaces the developer is providing for the condo units, which, as WSANA president George Stergios noted at the January 23 WSANA meeting, are associated with a higher level of car ownership than rentals.

This comes at a time when South Enders at large, neighborhood associations and the city are all pondering how to address the demand for parking spaces and overall traffic congestion in downtown neighborhoods. In a telephone interview, attorney Marc Lacasse, who represents Bodwell Pines on this project, said that the developer is providing 0.7 parking spaces per unit as required by Boston zoning law. At the February 27 WSANA meeting, Lacasse said, "Young people are purchasing fewer cars than in the past, and while the stated desire in the city is more parking, more parking, more parking, policymakers are moving in the opposite direction, reducing the parking ration and setting parking maximums in certain neighborhoods."

Butters to the project also question the developer reserving construction parking along the East Concord Street side of the Cosmopolitan site, with some neighbors observing that while the barricaded area significantly reduces resident parking, the reserved area often is under-occupied and the vehicles there

are employee vehicles rather than construction equipment.

Some neighbors lamented the noise of the climate-control systems installed behind the former church, stating that the corridor behind the church acts as a sound tunnel that amplifies ambient noise, machinery sounds and even conversations.

Longtime neighbor and WSANA member Dan Sugarman recalled that the group asked for assurances that there would be no new mechanical systems added and wondered how the developer received approval for the HVAC unit. "What worries me is that they seem to be doing whatever they want, regardless of the concerns of people in the neighborhood."

On that point, Lacasse explained that the developer installed a heating unit for the comfort of construction workers in response to the frigid temperatures of late December and January, which will be removed in the spring when the weather no longer requires it.

Lacasse also announced at WSANA's February meeting that the South End Landmarks District Commission approved a landscaping plan that will "significantly improve" the East Concord Street and Harrison Avenue sides of the property, the wrought-iron fence around the perimeter is being improved and the entire exterior of the church is being "restored to its original historical significance." Lacasse told the February WSANA meeting that the estimated completion date for the Cosmopolitan is late 2018 to early 2019.

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News from...

# Chester Square Area Association

**Partial agenda for meeting  
Wednesday, March 7  
7pm at Hampton House, 155  
Northampton St.**

**Upcoming events:**

Neighbors Night at MIDA: March 20, 5:30-7:30pm  
Chester Park Neighbors Spring Soiree: April 22, 4-6pm  
Spring Cleanup: May 5

**Parking**

After reviewing results of the survey we will engage in a structured conversation to identify problems and possibilities.

**Updates**

Fundraising committee

Chester Park Friends  
Homeless Recovery Working Group (with SE Forum)  
Tremont St. pedestrian safety  
Buses Campaign – Press Conference at Dudley Station, March 8, 8:30 am  
NU 5D class will present ideas to CSANA April 4  
Shawmut Ave Stop Compliance (STOP line request to SE Forum list)  
Aircraft noise – bill to include So End on Logan Community Advisory  
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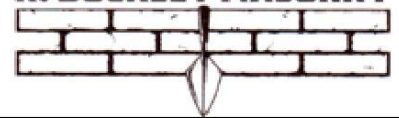
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## Public Meeting

### ROXBURY STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

**MONDAY, MARCH 5**  
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

**980 HARRISON AVE**  
Boston Water and Sewer,  
2nd Floor Training Room  
Roxbury, MA 02119

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since last year's launch of PLAN: Dudley Square the RSMPOC meetings also include progress reports on the initiative. All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired. RSMPOC meetings are held in the evening the first Monday of the month at the Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWSC) in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Free parking is available in the BWSC parking lot. PLAN: Dudley Square workshops are typically every third Monday of the month, location varies.

Please come join your neighbors and the City of Boston to help shape the future of the neighborhood!

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