

## South Ender Dennis Berger Named to Pine Street Inn BOD

### Appoints Three New Members

SUBMITTED BY PINE STREET INN

New England's largest homeless services organization, has added three distinguished members to its Board of Directors. Dennis Berger,

Chief Culture Officer at Suffolk Construction; Avana Epperson-Temple, Esq., Litigation Associate at Peabody & Arnold; and Paula D. Leca, Esq., Chief Counsel at Takeda Pharmaceuticals, will be joining the board effective immediately.

Pine Street Inn looks forward to the significant contributions that each will bring to the board.

These additions come at a key time for Pine Street, as the organization turns the corner from its emergency operations during the COVID-19 pandemic, and continues its focus on permanent supportive housing for those experiencing homelessness in Boston.

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## After Juneteenth, what does this 4th of July mean?

REV. IRENE MONROE

This July 4th, America will celebrate 245 years of independence from British rule. However, when President Joe Biden signed into law Juneteenth as a federal holiday, it forces Americans to take a sterner look at what this July 4th means.

More than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, and two months after the end of the Civil War on April 9th, 1865, enslaved African Americans in Texas found out they were free on June 19, 1865, called Juneteenth. Also, it's known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and

Emancipation Day.

With wildly two disparate celebratory liberation narratives about independence, America must reconcile its founding ideals with her spotty lived reality.

In 1852, Frederick Douglass

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## Crime

### Compiled and edited from Boston Police Department reports

#### Suspect in Custody After BPD Officers Recover Loaded Firearm During Investigation

At about 3:50 AM on Saturday, May 29, 2021, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) made an onsite firearm arrest after responding to a call in the area of 725 Albany Street in Boston. On arrival, officers arrested a suspect of Killeen, TX, af-

ter recovering a loaded 9mm Taurus handgun during an investigation inside the premises.

Suspect in Custody and Loaded Firearm Recovered Following Foot Pursuit

At about 5:30 PM on Thursday June 10, 2021, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) arrested a suspect of Roxbury on firearm related charges following a foot chase which concluded in the area of Public Alley 716 in Roxbury. The officers had initially observed the suspect standing inside O'Day Playground located at 75 West Newton Street

and were circling the block to engage him as part of an ongoing investigation when he fled the area on foot. The officers observed that the suspect appeared to be clutching at an object in the waistband area of his pants, which they believed to be a firearm, as he fled. The officers were eventually able to stop the suspect at which time they recovered a loaded .380 caliber Bersa Thunder handgun in the area of 48 West Springfield Street which had been discarded underneath a parked motor vehicle as he fled.

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Scholarship recipients Vivian Lu and Jennifer Osayande.  
Photo by Michele Maniscalco

## B/FSNA honors its 2021 scholarship recipients

### At in-person reception

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association (B/FSNA) Scholarship program founder Andrew Parthum liked to advise people on pursuing their passions. "A small idea can become a big thing."

Fifteen years after the first scholarship fundraiser in Parthum's home on Washington Street, the 2021 B/FSNA Scholarship Committee gave out \$35,000 in college book and supply scholarships to 14 South End-based rising seniors and continuing college students.

They celebrated again this year as they did before the pandemic with an award ceremony and reception attended by proud parents, friends, public officials and neighbors.

The festivities took place in

person at the AC Hotel at Ink Block, with District 2 city councilor Ed Flynn honoring the scholarship recipients, and Nick Bomstein, aide to state representative Jon Santiago, delivering citations for the students, which Bomstein read aloud.

Parthum, who died earlier this year, was remembered with fond words by BFSNA board members, and his mother, Marge Parthum of Chestnut Hill, and surviving partner, Bill Leonard, were special guests at the event. After the scholarship presentations, the approximately 30 attendees enjoyed appetizers and drinks.

This year, four students received \$2,000 awards; eight students received \$2,500 awards; and two students received \$3,500 Andrew Parthum Scholarships for Community Service. There were four returning recipients who were

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## Pine Street Inn

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"We are thrilled to welcome Dennis, Avana and Paula to our Board of Directors," said Lyndia Downie, President and Executive Director of Pine Street Inn. "Each brings tremendous experience and a unique skillset that align with the organization's strategic vision, which will help us as we continue to move individuals off the street, out of shelter and into housing."

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called America out on its hypocrisy in his speech, "What, to the slave, is the Fourth of July?" In it, Douglass stated that a country in the throes of slavery has to close its gaping gap between the ideals of the United States and its dastardly deeds toward POC. His words still resonate today.

"What have I, or those I represent, to do with your national independence. ... I am not included within the pale of this glorious anniversary! Your high independence only reveals the immeasurable distance between us. ... This Fourth of July is yours, not mine."

African Americans have fought in every war defending this country, starting with the American Revolution in a segregated military until 1948. Crispus Attucks, a brother of African and Native American ancestry from Framingham, was the first martyr for America's independence in the American Revolution. Prince Estabrook, an enslaved man from Lex-

Dennis Berger is Suffolk Construction's chief culture officer and serves on Suffolk's Executive Committee. Prior to joining Suffolk, Berger was with CDW Corporation and the PepsiAmerica Corporation. He is a current board member and former vice-chair of skills for Chicagoland's Future, and serves on the Board of Directors of Skills for America's Future. Berger holds a BA from Northeastern University and an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis.

ington and black Minuteman, was wounded in the first battle of the American Revolution.

The fight for black independence was ongoing during the American Revolution, too. Enslaved Africans who fought for the British, called Black Loyalists, were ensured their freedom. Sadly, enslaved Africans who fought against the British were. They were reluctantly acknowledged as Black Patriots, even today in celebrating July 4th.

Black patriotism is exhibited not only on the battlefields of America's wars but also in America's streets and sports arenas.

For example, in 2016, San Francisco 49ers QB Colin Kaepernick began to protest police brutality against black Americans and other forms of social injustice by taking a knee during the national anthem. His action was seen as polarizing, un-American, and unpatriotic. However, when patriotism is narrowly defined, it can only be accepted and exhibited within the constraints of its own intolerance.

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## Virtual Community Meeting

### Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

**Monday, July 12**  
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

**Zoom Link:** [bit.ly/July2021RSMPOC](https://bit.ly/July2021RSMPOC)  
**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864  
**Meeting ID:** 161 037 7641

#### Event Description

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. The committee meets monthly to discuss development and planning in Nubian Square. Vote on Parcel 8 will take place April 5th. All meetings are held on zoom and open to the public. For more information, on how to join, Engage, and Take Action, please visit the website.

#### Upcoming meetings/Próximas reuniones/Dat pwochen rankont yo se:

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				2	\$32,200	\$53,700	\$64,440
2 BR	0	0	\$53,600	3	\$36,250	\$60,400	\$72,480
				4	\$40,250	\$67,100	\$80,520
3 BR	0	0	\$62,070	5	\$43,500	\$72,500	\$87,000
				6	\$46,700	\$77,850	\$93,420

\*\*\*\* Income limits subject to change. AMI - Area Median Income  
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Case in point, former President Trump, in particular, stoked the flames of Kaepernick's expression of protest. Trump publicly criticized Kaepernick and his allies, calling them S.O.B.s, who took a knee during the national anthem as being anti-the American flag, cops, and the military. To Kaepernick's defense, former Attorney General Eric Holder tweeted with a photo of one of the first images of King down on his left knee in Selma, AL, on Feb. 1, 1965. Holder tweeted that "Taking a knee is not without precedent, Mr. President. Those who dared to protest have helped bring positive change." MLK said in his Montgomery Bus Boycott speech on December 5th, 1955, "The great glory of American democracy is the right to protest for right."

The controversy of taking a knee during the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," America's beloved national anthem, brought heightened attention to its racist history. Francis Scott Key, who penned the lyrics, supported slavery and came from an influential plantation family in Maryland. The song's third verse, no longer sung after the Civil War, included the lyrics, "No refuge could save the hireling and slave from the terror of flight or

the gloom of the grave."


In depicting the mangling grip of white supremacist domestic terrorism on black lives, Malcolm X in 1965 said, "That's not a chip on my shoulder. That's your foot on my neck." Last year, the world got to see a 9 minutes and 29 seconds video of former Minnesota Police officer Derek Chauvin's murder of George Floyd with his knee on Floyd's neck. Floyd handcuffed, lying face down, saying, "I can't breathe" went limp. Last week, Chauvin was sentenced to 22 and a half years in prison. The ongoing struggle, however, against police brutality persists.

This Fourth of July, people will once again sing the "Star-Spangled Banner" or recite the Pledge of Allegiance or reenact the Continental Congress of 1776 or watch reproductions of the "rockets red glare and bombs bursting in air." America's will showcase her indomitable spirit of bravery and patriotism as vaxxed or non-vaxxed - citizens during this ongoing pandemic.


However, this 4th will be different from the previous ones. Juneteenth can no longer stand in the shadows of America's celebration of independence. Juneteenth highlights how it is inextricably linked to America's core values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all Americans.

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awarded scholarships in 2020 and again this year, comprising Jennifer Osayande, a Josiah Quincy Upper School (JQUS) alumna who currently attends UMass Amherst, majoring in Public Health; Cathedral High School alumna Nikioly Soto, a political science major at UMass Boston who helps volunteers cleaning sidewalks around Boston Medical Center; Vivian Lu, a Boston Latin alumna is majoring in Behavior and Health at Boston University; and Jason Liu, an alumnus of Lincoln-Sudbury High School through the METCO program and will graduate from UMass Boston in 2022 with a degree in Marketing and Entrepreneurship.

Eight first-time scholarship recipients included Christelle Francois, a 2021 graduate of Boston Community Leadership Academy

who will attend Salem State College this fall, with the goal of becoming a history teacher. Dominic Udoakang, who graduated Boston Trinity Academy in June, will attend Amherst College, where he plans to study history and major in Economics.

Hailan (Helen) Gan, a 2021 graduate of Charlestown High School who will spend the summer in Texas before beginning her studies at Boston University. Stephen Li, a 2021 JQUS graduate, will attend Boston College this fall. Ayat Yusef moved from Louisiana to Boston and graduated last month from Boston Latin Academy. She will attend UMass, Dartmouth in the fall. Recent John D. O'Bryant High School graduate Daeny Henriquez will attend Emmanuel College this fall and is interested in a career in criminal justice.

Elwyn Cruz is a brand-new graduate of the Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers and plans to study nursing at UMass,

Dartmouth in the hope of working in sports medicine with top athletes. George Cribb, a recent JQUS graduate, plans to attend either Northeastern University or UMass Boston and is interested in literature, arts and film production as well as marketing and accounting.

The two recipients of the 2021 Andrew Parthum are Esther Udoakang, a newly-minted Boston Trinity Academy graduate, works as a pharmacy technician at Walgreens on Washington Street.

A member of the St. Stephen's Youth Program, Esther will attend Boston College in the fall. Boston Latin School graduate Ja'Kari Pierre, who will attend Harvard College in the fall, is participating in a Tufts University research program on vaccine equity and is a multi-instrumentalist, playing trumpet, trombone and tuba.



(Top) Scholarship recipients and BFSNA board members. (Center Left) Bill Leonard, left; Marge Parthum, front and center. (Center Right) Ja'Kari Pierre receives his citation and award from Christopher McBride. (Bottom Left) Councilor Ed Flynn speaks (Bottom Right) 2021 BFSNA Scholarship recipients. All photos by Michele Maniscalco

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## ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a virtual public hearing will be held on July 14, 2021, at 9:30 A.M., in connection with a petition for approval of the Third Amendment to Development Plan for Harrison Commons and Harrison Court within Planned Development Area No. 59 ("Third Amendment"), filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

Said Third Amendment would change the existing fifty-one (51) residential rental units into condominium ownership, which would result in all sixty-three (63) residential units being condominiums.

This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in this meeting by going to <https://bit.ly/3gSSNiO>. Copies of the petition, the Third Amendment and a map of the area involved may be obtained from the Zoning Commission electronically, and you may also submit written comments or questions to [jeffrey.hampton@boston.gov](mailto:jeffrey.hampton@boston.gov).

For the Commission  
Jeffrey M. Hampton  
Executive Secretary



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## 區劃听证會

波士頓市規劃委員會特此根據修訂的 1956 年法案第 665 章發出通知，將於 2021 年 7 月 14 日（上午 9 時 30 分）舉行虛擬公開听证會，就批准波士頓發展局（現稱波士頓規劃發展局）提交的 Harrison Commons 和 Harrison Court 發展計劃區域第 59 號的第三修正案提案進行商討。

第三修正案將使現有的五十一（51）個住宅出租單位改建為公寓所有權模式，將導致所有六十三個（63 個）住宅單位成為個人所有的公寓。

這次會議將在網上虛擬舉行，而非現場新听证會。您可以通過 <https://bit.ly/3gSSNiO> 參加會議。您可以電子方式從區劃委員會獲得提案、第三修正案和相關地區地圖。您也可以提交書面意見或問題，請發送給 [jeffrey.hampton@boston.gov](mailto:jeffrey.hampton@boston.gov)。

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## AUDIENCIA DE ZONIFICACIÓN

Por la presente, la Comisión de Zonificación de la Municipalidad de Boston notifica que, de acuerdo con el Capítulo 665 de las Leyes de 1956, según han sido enmendadas, se realizará una audiencia pública virtual el 14 de julio de 2021, a las 9:30 a.m., con relación a la Tercer Enmienda al Plan de Desarrollo para Harrison Commons y Harrison Court dentro de la Zona de Planificación Planificada N.º 59 ("Tercer Enmienda"), presentado por la Autoridad de Redesarrollo de Boston, también conocida como la Agencia de Planificación y Desarrollo de Boston.

Dicha Tercera Enmienda cambiará las cincuenta y una (51) unidades residenciales existentes para el alquiler a condominios, lo que resultará en que todas las sesenta y tres (63) unidades residenciales sean condominios.

Esta reunión solamente se realizará virtualmente y no en persona. Usted puede participar en esta reunión si visita <https://bit.ly/3gSSNiO>. Se pueden obtener copias de la petición, la Tercer Enmienda y un mapa de la zona involucrada electrónicamente de la Comisión de Zonificación y también puede presentar comentarios o preguntas por escrito a [jeffrey.hampton@boston.gov](mailto:jeffrey.hampton@boston.gov).

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## Crime

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### Death Investigation at 811 Massachusetts Avenue Ruled a Homicide

On Wednesday, June 16, 2021, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner determined the cause of death for Brendan Thomas Goguen, 23, to be mechanical asphyxia coupled with trauma by a sharp instrument. The manner of death was ruled a homicide.

Circumstances surround the incident: About 12:00 PM, on Friday, April 2, 2021, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End), responded to a radio call for an adult male who was unresponsive at the Hampton Inn-Suites located at 811 Massachusetts Avenue in Roxbury. Boston EMS pronounced the victim on scene and the OCME took custody of the body.

The Boston Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident and is asking anyone with information relative to this investigation to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at (617) 343-4470.

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word "TIP" to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to assist this investigation in an anonymous manner.

To those who find themselves in need of emotional support or simply needing to talk to someone about distressing events in our community, the Boston Neighborhood Trauma Team (NTT) provides free, private support 24/7 at (617) 431-0125 or by visiting BPHC.org/trauma.

### Suspect in Custody as a Result of Ongoing BPD Human Trafficking Investigation

At about 10:25 PM on Friday, June 18, 2021, members of the BPD Human Trafficking Unit and officers assigned to the BPD Crimes Against Children Unit in coordination with members of the Arlington Police Department and the

FBI Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force arrested a suspect of Providence, RI, in the area of 811 Massachusetts Avenue in Boston. The suspect was placed in custody without incident pursuant to an outstanding straight warrant sought out of East Boston District Court on charges of Human Trafficking and Deriving Support from Prostitution stemming from an ongoing investigation.

During the booking process, officers recovered four plastic bags of powdered heroin as well as a container of unidentified orange pills which will result in additional charges upon arraignment.

### Two Juvenile Males Arrested on Trafficking and Gun Charges

At about 5:50 PM on Friday, June 18, 2021, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) made an onsite warrant arrest of a 17-year-old male of Boston while in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard. The firearm probation violation was issued out of Middlesex County.

As officers approached suspect #1, he attempted to flee on foot while clutching the area of his waistband. Suspect #2, attempted to help Suspect #1 conceal the item which officers observed to be a large capacity magazine protruding from the juveniles' pants.

Both suspects were quickly apprehended in the area of the Sunocogas station on Massachusetts Avenue. The firearm was found to be a loaded Glock 9MM with one round in the chamber and nine rounds in the magazine.

Suspect #1, 17-year-old juvenile was arrested and charged with Delinquent to Wit: Carrying Loaded Firearm on a Public Way, Delinquent to Wit: Unlawful Possession of a Firearm 2nd Offense, Delinquent to Wit: Unlawful Possession of Ammunition, Delinquent to Wit: Unlawful Possession of a Large Capacity Feeding Device, Delinquent to Wit: Possession of Class D

Suspect #2, 16-year-old juvenile was arrested and charged with: Delinquent to Wit: Trafficking Class A 14-27 grams), Delinquent to Wit: Disorderly Conduct and Delinquent to Wit: Resisting Arrest

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## Summer Eats Program Launched

**Meals are available to youth 18 years and younger at no cost, without registration or ID**

SUBMITTED BY MAYOR JANEY'S OFFICE

Mayor Kim Janey and the Mayor's Office of Food Access (OFA) announced that 53 Boston Summer Eats Program meal sites will open on June 21, 2021, with an additional 14 sites opening later in the summer. The Boston Summer Eats program is an innovative effort to lessen the summer food gap by increasing the availability of non-traditional meal sites.

The program launched in 2017 with the goal to expand access to free and healthy meals for youth and teens in Boston.

"Ensuring continued food access to our children and youth throughout the summer after school closes is vital to their wellbeing," said Mayor Janey. "Thank you to all of the community-based organizations for their partnership with the City of Boston in creating access across our city for all our children."

Residents who wish to access free meals for youth aged 18 and under can find sites at [www.boston.gov/summer-eats](http://www.boston.gov/summer-eats) or find additional locations across the state by texting "Food" or "Comida" to 877-877. Hours of operation vary depending on the site, and most meal sites are currently offering breakfast and lunch. Parents can pick up meals for youth who are not present. No registration or identification is required. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, meals will be taken off-site, rather than eaten in a congregate meal setting at the site.

The Boston Summer Eats program is led by the Mayor's Office of Food Access (OFA) in partnership with Project Bread, the Greater Boston YMCA, and Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and is sponsored by the Boston Children's Hospital. Other partners involved in the 2021 Boston Summer Eats program include: Boston Public Library (BPL), Boston

Housing Authority (BHA), and Boston Public Schools (BPS).

Last summer, the program served 1,894,748 meals across 91 sites in 16 neighborhoods. Among the 97 sites, there were 23 non-traditional sites, including certain Boston Housing Authority properties, farmers markets, community and faith-based organizations, and Boston City Hall. This year meal sites include six Boston Housing Authority properties, 14 Boston Public Schools, eight Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) sites, eight YMCA sites, four farmers markets, 30 community- and faith-based organizations, and three Boston Public Library locations throughout 17 neighborhoods.

"I am grateful for all the support we have had from all of our Boston Summer Eats program partners," said Catalina López-Ospina, Mayor's Office of Food Access Director. "Together, we are reducing food insecurity one child at a time and making healthy summer meals accessible to all."

Additionally, this summer, the Pandemic EBT will be available for families when schools are closed. All K-12 students who received P-EBT this school year will receive a total of \$375 in P-EBT benefits in two equal payments of \$187.50 this summer. The first payment will be issued on July 1 and the second payment will be issued on August 1. Also, families who receive SNAP and received P-EBT this year for their children ages 0 through 6 will also receive two summer P-EBT payments of \$187.50, totaling \$375 for the summer. P-EBT payments for these children will be made on July 25 and August 25. For more information residents can visit [www.map-ebt.org](http://www.map-ebt.org).

These funds will go directly to residents' P-EBT card or SNAP/EBT card if they are enrolled in SNAP. Residents are encouraged to keep their P-EBT cards even when they have used all the funds, in case benefits are added in the future. These funds can be used to purchase groceries anywhere EBT or SNAP is accepted. Residents can download the Fresh EBT app to find nearby stores and farmer's markets that accept EBT.

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