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Developer Proposes 44-Unit Building with Artist Spaces on Plympton Street

BY SOUTH END NEWS STAFF

A South Boston developer has filed plans to replace two aging buildings at 52 Plympton Street in the South End with a seven-story residential building containing 44 condominiums and dedicated artist spaces.

Joshua Brandt submitted the proposal to the Boston Planning Department last week calling for demolition of a three-story warehouse built in 1895 and an adjacent garage from the 1920s on

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Woman Faces 23 Charges After Police Chase Through Boston

BY SOUTH END STAFF

A woman is facing nearly two dozen criminal charges after allegedly dragging a police officer and leading authorities on a chase through downtown Boston and the South End on Tuesday afternoon.

The incident began around 2 p.m. near 120 Tremont Street at the Park Street MBTA station, where police attempted to stop the woman for possible automotive violations. According to Boston police, the woman fled in a Honda Passport SUV, dragging a female officerapproximately 20 feet. A second officer was also injured while attempting to stop the vehicle. Both officers are expected to recover.

The chase continued for nearly two miles through city streets. Police report the driver struck several cars at Tremont and Stuart streets and hit a utility pole at Herald and Shawmut

streets before finally being stopped at Plympton and Albany streets in the South End.

The woman was taken to a city hospital with non-life-threatening injuries and remains under police guard. Her name has not been released. Police said she had a suspended driver's license, and officers allegedly found fentanyl and crack

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Latin Music Series Kicks Off Tonight at O'Day Park

BY SOUTH END NEWS STAFF

The Tito Puente Latin Music Series returns for its 17th year tonight, July 10, bringing free salsa and Latin iazz to Boston parks every Thursday through August 14.

Cuban singer-songwriter Bárbara Zamora Vargas opens the series at 7 p.m. at O'Day Playground (85 West

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Bárbara Zamora Vargas. Photo via ibaboston.org.

LOCAL NEWS

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Festival Betances Brings 50+ Years of Latino Culture and Music



Photo via ibaboston.org.

Saturday, July 19th from 1 PM to 9 PM

BY SOUTH END STAFF

¡Wepa! New England's longestrunning Latino cultural festival returns on Saturday, July 19th from 1PM to 9PM at Plaza Betances, 100 West Dedham Street. The annual celebration will showcase over 50 years of community, music, y muchas cosas buenas.

The festival will feature a parade, traditional cuisine, arts and crafts, children's activities including face

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City Councilor Proposes Regional Fund to Address Mass & Cass Crisis

BY SOUTH END STAFF

Boston City Councilor John FitzGerald has filed a hearing order calling for the creation of a regional fund to tackle the ongoing substance abuse and mental health crisis at Mass & Cass, shifting the financial burden from Boston alone to surrounding municipalities that benefit from the city's services.

FitzGerald, who chairs the city council's public health committee,

filed the order on July 7th for a "Regional Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Fund" that would require Boston and neighboring cities and towns to contribute proportionally to a shared pool supporting addiction recovery, housing, and public health infrastructure.

"This isn't just a Boston crisis it's a regional one," FitzGerald said

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painting and inflatables, and other attractions highlighting the diversity of Latinx culture.

About Festival Betances

Festival Betances serves as a cornerstone of New England's Latinx community and the Boston summer festival season. The annual in-person event draws a multicultural audience of more than 3,000 people each year.

Throughout its history, the festival's stage has hosted numerous musical and dance performances, ranging fromlocal and regional acts to international Latinx music icons such as Larry Harlow from Fania All Stars, Tony Vega, and Tito Rojas. The festival honors Ramón Emeterio Betances, a Puerto Rican patriot whose medical contributions benefited Latin America, the Caribbean, and the United States. Betances became a leader in awakening national consciousness in Puerto Rico and is considered one of the foremost intellectuals

of the 19th century.

This Year's Lineup

This summer's celebration of Puerto Rican culture will feature the electrifying sounds of:

Raíz de Plena, who keep Afro-Caribbean traditions alive through the powerful rhythms of Bomba and Plena.

Tony Toyán, a Miami-based artist whose romanticlyrics and cuatro-driven performances blend modern flair with deep Caribbean roots.

Orquesta El Macabeo, the genre-defying salsa gorda band whose punk-infused energy and raw lyricism have made them underground legends.

Lorna Marcano, who will honor the Queen of Salsa with a moving tribute to Celia Cruz, backed by her powerhouse orchestra.

The festival will close with headliner Bobby Valentín, "El Rey del Bajo," the Fania All-Star and salsaicon whose timeless hits have shaped the sound of Latin music for over 60 years.

For more information, visit https://ibaboston.org/events/festival-betances

Police Chase

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cocaine in the vehicle.

The incident generated approximately 10 calls to 911. The woman faces charges including

driving under the influence of drugs, assault with a dangerous weapon, assaulting police officers, drug possession, resisting arrest, and several counts of leaving the scene of an accident.

No arraignment date has been scheduled.

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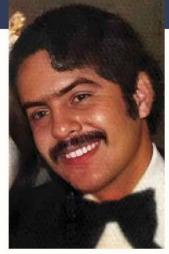
OBITUARY

MILAN, LUIS FERNANDO

Luis Fernando Milan of Jamaica Plain (Boston), MA passed away peacefully among close family members on June 14, 2025. Better known as Fernando to his friends and Nandi to his family, he was born on September 28, 1947 in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. He was preceded in death by his father, Luis Antonio Milan and his mother, Tomasa Perez Milan. He is survived by a son, Andrew Milan of Boston, MA and a daughter, Ariana Milan of New York, New York, a broth er, Edwin R. Milan and sister-in-law, Maureen Kennedy Milan of Melrose, MA.

Fernando earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Connecticut, and a Master's and PhD in Education from Harvard University. His career included serving as an Assistant Dean of Admissions at the University of Connecticut, as an officer at the National Puerto Rican Coalition in Washington, D.C. and as an administrator at the Department of Education for the city of Boston.

Fernando was affiliated with a number of community-based nonprofit organizations serving the Latino community of Boston, including serving on the board of directors for La Alianza Hispana, Inc. He served as a mentor to many of his friends and neighbors



in the Boston area, and was highly respected for his academic achievements and service to his community. He was a beloved soul, who touched many lives.

Fernando's family would like to extend its gratitude to the medical staff of the Brigham and Women's Hospital for their loving care of Fernando.

MEMORIAL VISITATION WILL BE HELD AT BRADY & FALLON FUNERAL HOME

10 Tower Street, Boston (Jamaica Plain) on Sunday, July 13, 2025, between 3:30 and 5:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Fernando's memory to La Alianza Hispana, Inc. through laalianza.org.



NEWS FROM...

The South End Branch of the BPL

BY SOUTH END STAFF

SOUTH END LIBRARY EVENTS

Note: The South End Branch Library is temporarily closed due to facilities issues. All events will be held in South End Library Park, 685 Tremont Street.

Tuesday, July 8: The Scoop Book Club - *As You Like It* by William Shakespeare

Thursday, July 10: BPL by Bike: South End Summer Pop-Ups; Story Time with Librarian Margaret

Tuesday, July 15: South End Summer Concerts with Pat Loomis and Friends

Thursday, July 17: BPL by Bike: South End Summer Pop-Ups; Story Time with Librarian Margaret Thursday, July 24: BPL by Bike: South End Summer Pop-Ups; Story Time with Librarian Margaret

Tuesday, July 29: South End Summer Concerts with Pat Loomis and Friends

Thursday, July 31: BPL by Bike: South End Summer Pop-Ups; Story Time with Librarian Margaret

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS, VISIT BPL.ORG OR CALL THE MAIN LIBRARY.

CITY OF BOSTON SOUTH END CALENDAR

Official City of Boston events and programming in the South End neighborhood

July 10-24, 2025

Senior Programming - Thursdays 7/10 & 7/17, Tuesday 7/15, 9am-1pm. Union Church, 485 Columbus Ave. Age Strong Commission programming for residents 55+. Free.

THURSDAY, July 10 City Hall On The Go-5-6:30pm. Location TBA. Mobile city services.

Tito Puente Latin Music Series - 7pm. Barbara Zamora Vargas performs. Location TBA. FRIDAY, July 11 Neighborhood Office Hours - 11am-noon. Cacao, 570 Columbus Ave. Coffee with liaison Sarah Sharpe. Free. WEDNESDAY, July 16 Latin Fusion Dance

Class - 6:30-7:30pm. O'Day Playground, 75 West Newton St. Free fitness class with instructor Lena. Sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. FOR UPDATES OR WEATHER-RELATED CHANGES, CONTACT THE BOSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OR VISIT BOSTON.GOV/EVENTS.

Mass & Cass

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in a statement. "Many of the individuals at Mass & Cass aren't from Boston, yet it's Boston taxpayers who are bearing the full financial burden. That's not sustainable, it's not fair, and it's not working."

The proposed fund would be structured similarly to existing regional collaborations like MBTA assessments, with contributions

based on population, need, and usage of Boston-based services. Money would go toward expanding housing options, mobile outreach teams, harm-reduction services, and long-term recovery programs.

Data from the Boston Public Health Commission and Boston Medical Center shows that a substantial percentage of people receiving services around Mass & Cass come from municipalities outside Boston, according to the hearing order.

The hearing would bring together city officials, public health leaders, municipal representatives, and regional planning partners to design the fund's structure and scope. Representatives from the Boston Public Health Commission, Mayor's Coordinated Response Team, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, and Massachusetts Municipal Association would be invited to testify.

The order was filed in City Council on July 9th.

O'Day Park

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Newton Street). Known for her work with the legendary all-female orchestra Anacaona, Vargas will perform a mix of bolero, salsa, and traditional Cuban son.

"For 17 years, this music series has brought the soul of Latin music to Boston's parks, transforming summer nights into vibrant celebrations of culture, rhythm, and community," said Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, CEO of Inquillinos Boricuas en Acción (IBA), which organizes the series.

The six-concert series features artists from Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Costa Rica, plus rising local talent. Highlights include Grammynominated Costa Rican artist Manolo Mairena y la Pura Vida (July 24 at LoPresti Park), Latin Grammy Cultural Foundation scholar Kristalis y Las Nenas del Swing (July 31 at Mission Hill Playground), and Puerto Rican powerhouse Jesús Pagán at the finale on Boston Common (August 14).

All concerts run 7-9 p.m., are free and wheelchair accessible, with no rain dates. The series is presented by IBA in partnership with Berklee College of Music, Boston Parks



Kristalis y Las Nenas del Swing. Photo via ibaboston.org.

and Recreation, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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the roughly 3,000-square-foot lot off Albany

The new building would include eight artist live/work units on the first floor, along with a gallery and workshop space. These one-bedroom artist units would be sold as affordable housing to buyers earning 80 to 100 percent of the Boston area median income. The remaining 36 units would range from studios to three-bedroom condos sold at market rates.

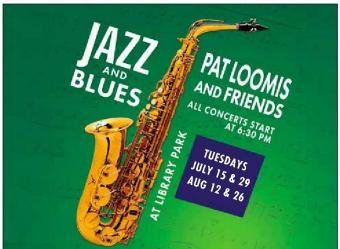
Plans include 19 parking spaces in an un-

derground garage equipped with systems to allow rainwater to recharge groundwater and protect against potential flooding from the nearby Fort Point Channel area.

Brandt must obtain permission from the South End Landmark District Commission to demolish the existing structures. According to the filing, architects determined that restoring the current buildings would be too expensive and difficult due to modern building and seismic code requirements.

The developer stated the new construction would be "a thoughtfully designed building that will enhance the character of the district.'





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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Docket No. SU25E0095

To Laural R. Carnakie Christmas and Cynthia A. Carnakie both of 9 Carlotta Street, 2nd Floor, Dorchester, MA 02122 and to all other persons interested

A Petition has been presented to said Court by Nicodemus Christmas of Boston in the County of Suffolk representing that he holds as 33.3% share as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Boston, MA in said County, and briefly described as follows: See attached description:

And praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and The pring that patients are the appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said and which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon-on the 16th day of July 2025, the return day of this citation.

It is ordered that notice of said proceeding be given by delivering or mailing by registered or certified mail a copy of the foregoing citation to all persons interested whose addresses are known fourteen days at least before said return day, and if any person is not so served, by mailing a copy thereof to the last known address of such person fourteen days at least before said return day; and by publishing a copy thereof once in each week for three successive weeks in the South End News, a newspaper published in Boston, the last publication to be one day at least before said return day

Witness, Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 4th day of June 2025. Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

In the matter of: Arthur Atkinson Of: Jamaica Plain, MA

Docket No. SU25P1420GD RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Arthur Atkinson is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

and may contain a request or creamspecific actions. You wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10-00 AM. On the return date of 07/24/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance; you callege to the retiring of the properties of the pro

Specific dates any gourness your objection within 30 days after the return trace.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 26, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SIJ24P0676FA

Estate of: Sandra A Kelly Date of Death: 07/05/2023

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Daniel J. Kelly of West Palm Beach, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Daniel J. Kelly of West Palm Beach, FL be appointed as Persona Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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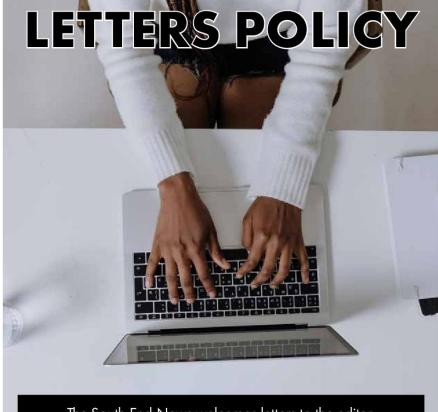
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Courl before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/23/2025.

This is NOT a hearing dale, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affild of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon, Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate Date: June 25, 2025



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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

nmonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU25P1494FA

Estate of: Andreia Silva Rodrigues Date of Death: 01/17/2020

A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Aiton Reis of Brockton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

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. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/13/2025.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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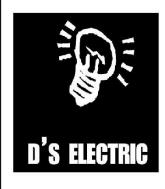
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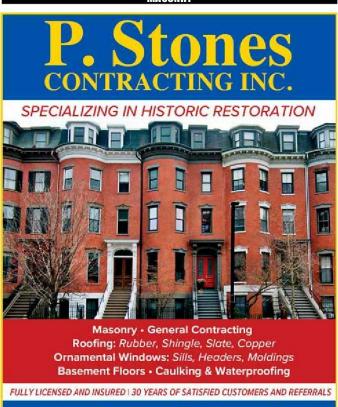
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