Quincy Ward 6 candidates discuss development

BY LING-MEI WONG

A forum for Quincy Ward 6 city council candidates took place March 23 at the First Church of Squantum. (From left) Brian Radell, Herbert “Alie” Shaughnessy, Nathan Knowles, Kevin Mock, William Harris. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

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Event Calendar

Fuel assistance program Friday, March 25 87 Tyler Street #1 Boston, MA 02111
The fuel assistance program is a federally-funded program that helps low-income households with their home heating bills in winter season. All eligible fuel assistance applicants will receive discounted gas, electric and telephone rates. Residents of Boston, Brookline or Newton may apply from now to April 30, 2016. To apply, please call (617) 426-9492 x 0 or make an appointment at the Asian American Civic Association.

Parent digital project workshop March 25 to April 11 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 38 Ash Street
Join the six-session parent digital project workshop on Fridays to learn skills and how to upload photos of their children. Register by March 28 with Shixin Su at (617) 635-5129 x 1039 or email shixin.su@bcnc.net

Get Konnected! 6th anniversary Tuesday, March 29 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. 22 Forsythe Boulevard Boston, MA 02125
Get Konnected!, Boston's premier urban professional and social multi-cultural networking event, will celebrate its eighth anniversary by honoring Boston's Top Most Influential People of Color. RSVP at http://conta.cc/1PvSIEH.

Free health care service Every Tuesday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. First Church at Malden 184 Pleasant Street Malden, MA 02148
The Sharedwood Project offers free, unscheduled health care to the medically underserved populations of the greater Boston area. For more information please call (781) 324-8991 or e-mail sharedwood.director@gmail.com.

Wake for Henry Yee Monday, March 28 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. 13 Gerard Street Roxbury, MA 02119
A wake for Henry Yee will take place at the Wing Fook Funeral Home, with the funeral service on March 29 at 9:30 a.m. Yee was 88 when he passed away on March 19.

Free legal clinic Monday, March 28 6 to 8 p.m. 1309 Hancock Street, Suite 269 Quincy, MA 02169
Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. will host a free monthly legal clinic addressing individual concerns over immigration law, landlord-tenant law, family law, personal injury and criminal issues. Please contact QARI at (617) 472-2200 or e-mail info@quinvariantesources.org.

Get Konnected! 8th anniversary Tuesday, March 29 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 210 Essex Street Salem, MA 01970
The North Shore Jazz Project established an all-star high-school student ensemble led by internationally recognized tenor saxophonist and Berklee School of Music professor Mike Tucker. They will perform at the Salem Five Community Room. For more information, visit chinatownresidents@gmail.com.

CRA spring banquet Friday, April 8 6 p.m.
88 Beach Street Boston, MA 02111
The Boston Chinatown Resident Association New Year Spring Banquet will take place at Hei La Moon. For more information, visit chinatownresidents@gmail.com.

Hepatitis B screening April 9 to April 9 8 p.m. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Sat.
249 Harrison Avenue Boston, MA 02111
Three free hepatitis B screenings will take place at the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church. A presentation on hepatitis will be given in Chinese. Test results will be mailed to patients. For more information, email harvard@teambtv.org.

Osteoporosis workshop Saturday, April 9 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
38 Oak Street Boston, MA 02110
A free workshop on osteoporosis will take place at the Metropolitan Community Room. Refreshments and coffee are provided. For more information, call May Lui at (617) 482-2380 x 212 or email may.lui@asiancnc.org.

Customer service English class April 10 to June 17 9:30 a.m. to noon 28 Ash Street

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Chinatown residents learned about air pollution at a workshop at the Josiah Quincy School on March 23. The cafeteria was crowded with 50 or more participants for the event.

The workshop was sponsored by the Chinatown Resident Association, Chinese Progressive Association, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, Institute for Asian American Studies at UMass Boston and Institute for Visualization and Perception Research at UMass Lowell.

The evening started by residents taking a survey on what they knew about air pollution. This is for a study conducted by the Institute for Asian American Studies at UMass Boston and Institute for Visualization and Perception Research at UMass Lowell.

Terry Yin, who presented in Cantonese on what air pollution is and the dangers it poses to humans.

According to Yin, while the air quality looks better in Boston than it has in the past decades, it is still heavily polluted. In fact, Chinatown is one of the communities that has the worst air pollution in the greater Boston area, due to cars on nearby freeways.

The air is filled with ultra fine particles of pollution that are too small for the human eye to see. These particles can get through the face masks that people wear, and are so small and fine.

Air pollution can cause several health concerns. Some of these health concerns are lung disease and cardiovascular diseases.

Residents looked at interactive maps of air pollution in Chinatown to gain a greater understanding of how it affected them.

Gov. Baker addresses Mass. opioid crisis

BY LING-MEI WONG

Gov. Charlie Baker spoke about opioid legislation and unemployment on March 16 at the Statehouse, with members of the ethnic media.

“More and more obituaries reference the fact that someone had a long battle with addiction, then died of an overdose. Five years ago, three years ago, that did not happen,” Baker said.

The legislation passed an opioid bill on March 14, being the first law in the nation to limit an opioid prescription to a seven-day supply for a first time adult prescription and a seven-day limit on every opiate prescription for minors, with certain exceptions.

Monica Bharel, commissioner of public health, said, “We had 1,100 deaths last year and are working to bend this current trend.”

The bill addresses prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery. Individuals seeking treatment will not be asked about their immigration status.

“As the child of immigrants, I understand there can be stigma associated with mental illness and addiction,” Bharel said. “Part of our work is to take away the stigma of addiction. The reason why addiction is not treated like addiction or diabetes is because of stigma.”

Labor and Workforce Development secretary Ron Walker gave an update on chronic unemployment.

“Massachusetts has a 4.75 percent unemployment rate, which affects certain populations more: Latinos, African Americans, persons with disabilities, Gulf War vets and youth,” Walker said.

The chronically unemployed population needs that current job centers do not meet, as they were designed for professionals between jobs. Many chronically unemployed individuals lack soft skills, Walker said. The lack of reliable transit options disproportionately affects the disabled for continued employment.

Baker said, “Folks who are chronically unemployed need a lot of work for networking and skill building. … We’re creating a different model to work with different organizations that have done this longer term, for people trying to find their way back into the workforce.”

Walker said the state’s approach was three-fold: More partnership with community-based organizations, more job training for individuals in jail to decrease recidivism and funding effective programs.

On Feb. 23, Baker announced $9.3 million in workforce skills equipment grants to 35 high schools, community colleges and vocational training providers statewide for vocational-technical education and training equipment purchases.

State senate candidates gather at forum in Chinatown

BY LING-MEI WONG

A forum for the First Suffolk and Middlesex district state senate candidates took place March 16 at the Josiah Quincy School. The event was organized by Asian and Pacific Islanders’ Civic Action Network (APIs CAN), a nonpartisan coalition of organizations committed to increasing Asian American civic engagement.

Six of the seven candidates attended the forum: Joseph Boncore, Lydia Edwards, Diana Hwang, state Rep. Jay Livingstone, Revere city councilor Steve Morabito and Paul Rogers. Candidate Dan Rizzo was not present.

The state senate seat was vacated by Anthony Petruccelli, who resigned on Jan. 21. A special election to replace him will take place May 10, with candidates facing off in the Democratic primary on April 12.

Moderator Paul Watanebe of UMass Boston facilitated the discussion, which focused on language access, housing, public transit, education and jobs.

Boncore is a Winthrop resident and an attorney.

Edwards is an attorney and a fellow at Greater Boston Legal Services. Hwang is the co-founder of the Asian-American Women’s Political Initiative and the child of Taiwanese-American immigrants.

Livingstone was elected as state representative for the Eighth Suffolk District in 2013.

Morabito is a Revere city councilor at-large and the child of immigrants.

Rizzo was a former Revere mayor and long-time city councilor.

Rogers is an East Boston resident and a business owner.

Other event sponsors were Asian American Civic Association, Asian Community Development Corporation, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, Chinatown Resident Association, Chinese Progressive Association, Chinese Progressive Political Action, MassVOTE and South Cove Community Health Center.

To find out where to vote, please visit www.whereidoivotema.com.

Hotel proposed for Harrison Avenue

BY LING-MEI WONG

The Chinatown/South Cove Neighborhood Council met at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association on March 16.

Jeff Drago and Matthew Eckel of law firm Drago and Toscano showed plans for a hotel at 15 Harrison Avenue. The proposed 26-storey hotel would replace the current five-floor building on a 3,400 square-foot lot. A total of 126 hotel rooms and six suites are planned, with no kitchen for room service. The hotel would create 25 to 30 jobs.

The project planners sought community input, as the hotel is in the design stage.

Hot Eastern will move into the former location of Cafe de Lulu on Harrison Avenue and Beach Street. The council voted to support its beer and wine application, along with increased seating.

A Chinese takeaway restaurant is planned for 22 Kneeland Street, said Wenyu Huang. The council voted to support the restaurant’s application for a common victualer license to serve food.

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Asian female entrepreneurs inspire guests at fashion panel

BY JULIA WONG

Stailors, a men’s custom premium clothing store in Boston’s Chinatown, housed a different clientele on the evening of March 10. Asian female entrepreneurs and guests gathered to attend a networking event with a panel discussion on fashion retail, presented by the Asian Entrepreneurship Foundation. The panelists consisted of three successful businesswomen: Samantha Shih, owner of Stailors; Vienne Cheung, owner of Viennamilano, a luxury hosiery brand and Anna Tsui, founder of High Performance Life Coaching, who also served as the moderator.

The panelists focused not only on their individual entrepreneurial journeys, but also underlined the challenges and rewards that come with owning their own businesses. For those that are looking or aspiring to start their own business, here are five take-away points from the panelists:
1. It is never too late to begin
2. Draw upon your experience
3. Research your product and industry
4. Find your own support network
5. Do what feels right and organic to you

Passion and their personal connection to their product and brand drove these three businesswomen to success. For them, they were not just selling items but had emotional value tied to their offerings.

Cheung, through her hosiery brand, allowed women to feel confident when wearing her luxury thigh-highs. Shih’s company allowed men to seek customizable affordable luxury clothing. Tsui coached her clients to build the confidence they need in order to attain their dreams. In Cheung’s words, “I want to build something bigger than myself.”

For those hesitant to take the first leap, Shih reminded them, “If you don’t do anything, you are out of control. If you do anything, you have some control.”

Spirit Fusion performs several dances on March 5 at Weston’s Casey Theater, featuring cho-reographer Olivia Jiang. (Image courtesy of the Sampan editorial team.)

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Chew Lun association celebrates Chinese New Year

BY LING-MEI WONG

The Chew Lun Family Association celebrated its Chinese New Year gala on March 19 at the China Pearl. About 300 guests attended the banquet.

Guests included Massachusetts State Treasury deputy legislative director Steve Moore, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, former Newton city councilor Greer Tan Swinston, former Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA) president Hung Goon, Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) director-general Scott Lai, TECO director of the Cultural Center Edward Kao.

The family association made a $500 donation to the Chinatown Neighborhood Crime Watch, which is organized by the CCBA.

The evening included a lion dance and karaoke, for a heartwarming time.

Chinatown crime blotter for March 11 to 25

BY THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

All reports are submitted by the Boston Police Department. The time period is from March 11 to March 25 for District A-1, which includes Chinatown.

Investigate person
March 17, 12:58 a.m.: The officers responded to LaGrange Street to meet an assault victim. Upon arrival, the officers met and spoke with the victim. He stated he was punched in the eye by a man he was arguing with. The victim sustained a black eye.

Investigate premises
March 20, 2:41 a.m.: The officers responded to Edinboro Street on a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, the officers observed ballot evidence across from the Moon Villa Restaurant. A witness reports he saw two groups of men arguing with each other. One of the males pulled out a firearm and began shooting. There were no victims. The incident is to be further investigated by district detectives.

Vandalism
March 23, 8:16 a.m.: The officers responded to Oak Street West on a report of a male with a knife. On arrival the officers were notified that the suspect had left the area. Upon further investigation, the officers discovered the suspect had stabbed multiple car tires.
Boston goes green for St. Patrick’s Day

BY THE SAMPAN EDITORIAL TEAM


Malden’s Sun Kong recognized for dim sum

Sun Kong Restaurant received a citation from the City of Malden, after it was honored by Boston Magazine for its dim sum. (From left) Employees Andy Song and Eric Shen, Jason Law, employee Michelle Liang, Mayor Gary Christenson, Sun Kong owner Jin Chen, City Councilor Neal Anderson and Sun Kong owner Fan Huang. (Image courtesy of Jason Law.)

Chinese Progressive Association honors activists

BY THE SAMPAN EDITORIAL TEAM

The Chinese Progressive Association held an annual banquet on March 11 at the China Pearl. Mayor Marty Walsh attended the event, wishing attendees a happy new year. Long-time Chinatown activist Henry Yee was recognized with a lifetime achievement award, which his son Ken Yee received on his behalf. Henry Yee, 88, passed away on March 19. His son said his father’s proudest achievement was making bilingual ballots permanent-ly available in Boston.

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Individuals interested in becoming members of the committee may apply online at www.bu.edu/NEIDL or by contacting Valeda Britton, Executive Director, Community Relations/ Boston University Medical Campus, email: neidl@bu.edu; phone: 617-638-1911.

All applications must be received by April 1, 2016.
Homeownership requires preparation and budgeting. (Image courtesy of StatePoint.)

Five tips for prospective homebuyers
BY STATEPOINT

If you’re serious about homeownership in the near future, getting prepared is crucial. Consider these five tips:

1. Get your financial house in order
Good credit is key to getting a mortgage at a reasonable interest rate. If it’s been more than a year, find out what your credit score is. You can improve your credit by paying your bills on time, working with a no-fees housing counselor, and beefing up your credit literacy. Free online resources can help, such as Freddie Mac’s CreditSmart online training.

2. Figure out how much you can afford
What do you earn? What do you spend? How much do you have in savings? Answering these questions will help you learn whether you are financially ready for homeownership. Make a budget and use online tools and calculators to determine how much you can afford and the amount you have for a down payment. If you’re short, reduce optional expenses and set up a monthly, automatic deposit into your savings account.

3. Explore your mortgage options
Don’t assume you don’t have enough for a down payment or won’t qualify for a mortgage without 20 percent down. In fact, about 40 percent of today’s homebuyers are making down payments that are less than 10 percent and a recent study found that 87 percent of U.S. homes would qualify for a mortgage without 20 percent down. In some cases, you may qualify for down payment help. If you’re not putting at least 20 percent down, you’ll pay extra each month for mortgage insurance. Contact several mortgage lenders to shop around and get the best deal.

4. Get pre-approved for financing
It’s highly recommended that you work with your lender to get pre-approved before you begin house hunting. Pre-approval will tell you how much home you can afford and can help you move faster and with greater confidence in competitive markets.

5. Rely on professionals
The typical homebuyer will look at 10 homes over a 10-week period so finding and working with the right team is critical. Housing counselors, realtors and lenders all play an important role in the home buying process. These professionals have the expertise to advise you every step of the way.

For more tips and resources, visit myhome.freddiemac.com.

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Massachusetts expands abandoned housing initiative
BY ATTORNEY GENERAL MARTHA HEALEY

Online rental scams in Boston often involve fraudulent apartment listings, only for the victims to find the apartment already occupied and the rightful owner unaware of any lease. (Image courtesy of Flickr user Shane Armas Korjrots.)

Attorney General Maura Healey announced the expansion of her Abandoned Housing Initiative (AHI) in 2016, which helps cities and towns to address the lasting impacts of the foreclosure crisis by rehabilitating abandoned properties to reduce blight and crime, enhance public safety, increase property values, and overall improve neighborhoods and communities.

“In the wake of the foreclosure crisis, the rehabilitation of abandoned properties is the next important phase of our recovery for families and our communities,” Healey said. “Abandoned properties are public safety hazards, reduce property values, and hinder economic development. That is why we continue to see so many local communities taking advantage of this program to rehabilitate properties and revitalize neighborhoods across Massachusetts.”

Recently, AG Healey’s Office has seen an increase in the number of cities and towns seeking assistance to reduce blight and revitalize their neighborhoods through the rehabilitation of distressed and abandoned properties.

Police, prosecutors advise caution amid apartment leasing scams
BY SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley and Boston Police Commissioner William Evans are warning potential renters to avoid online leasing scams amid an ongoing investigation into several incidents in Boston. Suffolk prosecutors and Boston Police detectives are currently investigating incidents in which victims responded to apartment listings on websites such as Craigslist and sent payments with the expectation that they would be leasing the apartment in the ad. The victims would later arrive at the residence prepared to move in, only to find the property already occupied and the rightful owner unaware of any lease agreement.

“The process of renting an apartment and moving into a new home is stressful enough,” Conley said. “I urge every renter to do careful research before entering into any agreement to ensure you’re getting what you paid for.”

“We ask that people using online services to rent apartments in Boston to use caution,” Evans said. “By taking a few extra steps, you can reduce your chances of becoming a victim of this type of scam.”
Restaurant review: Umai

BY LING-MEI WONG

The Baked Alaska maki is filled with eel, cream cheese, tempura flakes, avocado, tobiko (fish roe) with spicy sauce and wrapped in salmon. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

Sushi is all about freshness and Umai’s offerings do not disappoint. Originally located in the Back Bay, Umai added a second location in Brighton Center. It has about a dozen tables and a bar serving alcohol. On a recent weekend, the restaurant was nearly at capacity.

We started with a tuna tataki ($9.50), seared tuna slices served with ponzu sauce. The tuna was just barely cooked, plenty of fresh flavor from the buttery fish oils. Six generous slices were just right for two people to share.

The Baked Alaska maki ($12.95) is a roll filled with eel, cream cheese, tempura flakes, avocado, tobiko (fish roe) with spicy sauce and wrapped in “salmon melt,” or mildly torched salmon. The salmon melt adds a smoky finish to the rich eel, cream cheese and avocado. The richness was offset by the spicy sauce for a succulent mouthful.

We shared a sushi and sashimi combo ($28.95), with eight pieces of sushi and eight pieces of sashimi selected by the chef. Our sashimi slices included salmon, tuna, hamachi and suzuki (sea bass), each slice large and sweet. The sushi featured ebi (shrimp), tamago (sweet egg), salmon, tuna, octopus and squid. It’s a great way to sample the menu, with different offerings all on one plate.

Umai’s food is excellent and the dishes are priced reasonably. Service comes with a smile, making this restaurant a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

**Kwong Kow students sets exam school acceptance record**

SUBMITTED BY KWONG KOW CHINESE SCHOOL

The 2016 exam school acceptance rate at the Kwong Kow Chinese School (KKCS) has broken the school’s records. Of the 30 sixth graders in the KKCS After school Program, 27 students took the ISEE exam in November 2015. Three students were not eligible for admission to the exam schools because their home addresses were not in areas under the Boston Public Schools system. Of the 27 students who took the exam, 25 have been accepted to one of the three exam schools; and of the 25, 17 will be going to the Boston Latin School, six to the Boston Latin Academy and two to the O’Bryant School of Math and Science.

The KKCS program, where preparation for the route to an exam school starts much earlier than 6th grade. The KKCS program starts ISEE preparation as early as fourth grade, with vocabulary building and reading comprehension. The sixth grade teachers work with the students intensively on writing skills. If these students do get into the exam schools, especially the Boston Latin School, they will be writing many papers down the road.

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Out of the 17 who got into the Boston Latin School, 13 were from the original KKCS cohort; and out of the six accepted into Boston Latin Academy, four were from the KKCS cohort. KKCS will have a celebration party after the Easter holidays.

Kwong Kow Chinese School (KKCS) set a new record with 25 students accepted to exam schools. (Image courtesy of KKCS.)

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email: James.A.Kersten@state.ma.us

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**Value the Meal wants Boston schools to invest in food**

**BY SARA BROWN**

The organization Value the Meal is asking the Boston Public Schools (BPS) the healthiest district to invest in quality and healthy food for students.

It asked the Boston School Committee to strengthen existing nutrition and wellness policies to end all forms of junk food marketing, promotion and sponsorship in all schools in the district.

One in three children born in 2000 will develop Type 2 diabetes in their lifetime if current trends continue. In fact, this generation may be the first in U.S. history to live shorter lives than their parents.

Junk food marketing to children is driving this health crisis. This marketing is particularly exploitative. As the American Academy of Pediatrics has noted, advertising directed to children is “inherently deceptive” because children do not understand marketing’s persuasive intent.

“Studies from the Institute of Medicine to the National Bureau of Economic Research have found that junk food marketing directed at kids could protect the health of millions of children,” wrote Value the Meal in a letter sent to the committee.

The organization has built a coalition of 100 Boston educators, health professionals and community organizations and more than 800 Boston residents who have joined the call on the Boston School Committee to lead the way and stand up for children’s health by strengthening existing policies to ensure that junk food fundraisers and branded marketing cannot occur in schools. This coalition includes the Boston Teachers Union, the Teacher Activist Group of Boston and Green Schools.

“We need to invest in food at our schools. It is vitally important,” Boston Value the Meal campaign organizer Joan Cannon said.

More than half of the schools in Boston do not have their own cafeteria. They have a company come in to the school to heat up frozen processed meals for children.

Value the Meal especially wants BPS to continue its promise to not partake in events like McTeacher’s Nights. These events are fundraisers for schools working with McDonald’s. Teachers “work” at a McDonald’s, serving fast food to their students in exchange for a small percentage of the proceeds.

“The schools only get $1 to $2 per student, so it’s not really a solid fundraiser. Plus, it’s exploitative,” Cannon said.

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**MAXIMUM HOUSE/CONDONIMINIUM AMOUNTS**

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