Op-ed: Chinatown deserves environmental justice

BY VICTORIA WU

In 2018, nations around the world reaffirmed their commitment to fighting climate change through the Paris Agreement at the United Nations climate talks in Katowice. This is a conspicuous reminder that the United States has pledged to withdraw from the Paris Agreement under President Trump. With this withdrawal, and with our federal representatives unabashedly promoting fossil fuels at the climate negotiations, it is increasingly clear that the federal government won’t adequately deal with climate change—at least not until 2020.

In the meantime, many cities are taking action to fill this void. This includes Boston, which announced the Resilient Boston Harbor initiative. Boston and other cities must also lead the way in including environmental justice values in the greater climate fight.

Environmental justice is the continuous effort to make environmental policy inclusive and equitable for all communities. It is an attempt to ensure that environmental sustainability isn’t an option that only the wealthiest can afford, and that we address the impacts of hazardous facilities disproportionately located near communities of color. After all, those who contribute the least to climate change are the ones impacted the most.

Both Massachusetts and Boston could do more for environmental justice. During the omnibus energy bill negotiations last summer, the state legislature failed to include the Environmental Justice Act (H.2913/S.426). If it had passed, this bill would have codified language on environmental justice communities and given these communities a seat at the table for certain environmental policy decisions.

- We know this matters locally. In his comprehensive environmental justice study, Dr. Daniel Faber of Northeastern University found Chinatown and other neighborhoods home to communities of color were rated as the most intensely overburdened by environmental hazards in the state.

Although Chinatown and other neighborhoods face environmental justice inequities, the city has shown a promising understanding of intersectionality, and its impacts on access to health care, education, and more.

However, we must be diligent that Resilient Boston Harbor and other sustainability initiatives are not a step in the wrong direction for environmental justice. Green infrastructure and nature-based solutions to address future flooding must not come at the cost of low-income or otherwise vulnerable communities.

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Event Calendar

Chinatown history tour
Friday, August 2
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
2 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116

Volleyball clinic
Saturday, August 3
10 a.m. to noon.
Lincoln and Kneeland streets
Boston, MA 02111
Boston Hurricanes will host a beginner volleyball clinic for children over 8 at the Reggie Wong Memorial Park.

Chinatown block party
Saturday, August 3
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Maple Place and Johnny Court
Boston, MA 02111
The 5th annual Chinatown stabilization block party will feature games, music and good. In the event of inclement weather, the party will move to 38 Oak Street, the Metropolitan community room.

English for college or job training
Monday, August 5
8:30 a.m.
87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111
Attend testing for the Asian American Civic Association’s English classes for college or job training. For more information, call (617) 426-9492 x 230.

Mulan Society classes
Monday, August 5
11 a.m.
87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111
Mulan Society Center for Women’s Empowerment citizenship classes will take place at AACA. Register at (617) 426-9492 x 251 or mulan@aacaa-boston.org.

Chinatown’s National Night Out
Tuesday, August 6
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
230 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02111
National Night Out will take place at Chinatown’s Tai Tung Village.

South End’s National Night Out
Tuesday, August 6
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
476 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02116
South End’s National Night Out will take place at Castle Square.

Free Zumba
Every Tuesday
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Chin Park
Zumba by the Wang YMCA will take place at the Greenway’s Chinatown Park.

Free health care service
Every Tuesday
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
First Choice in Malden
184 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148
The Sharewood Project offers free, unlicensed health care to the medically underserved populations of the greater Boston area.

Free tai chi class
Every Thursday
10 a.m.
Symphony Park
Instructor Ms. Zhou Zhang will lead tai chi at Symphony Park, on the corner of Edgerly Road and Norway Street. All levels welcome.

Free yoga class
Thursdays
12-45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
2 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116
Bring your own mat for free yoga at the Chinatown branch library.

Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch’s annual cookout
Thursday, August 8
5 p.m.
1 Merrymount Parkway
Quincy, MA 02170
Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch will host his annual community cookout at Pagament Field.

Boston August Moon Festival
Sunday, August 11
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Chinatown Gate
The annual Chinatown August Moon Festival will take place at the Chinatown Gate.

Vacation Bible school
August 12 to August 16
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
120 Shawmut Avenue
Boston, MA 02118
A Vacation Bible school summer camp will take place at the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church for first to fifth graders. Sign up with Minister Lorraine Ho at bcekids@gmail.com.

Teen volleyball
Friday, August 16
3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
885 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111
BCYF will host a free teen co-ed black light volleyball for teens at the Quincy Community Center. RSVP at www.facebook.com/events/2518808378173556/.

Quincy August Moon Festival
Sunday, August 18
Noon to 5 p.m.
Cooddington Street
Quincy, MA 02169
Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. will host the 31st August Moon Festival at Quincy High School.

National Asian Peace Officers Association Conference
August 18 to August 22
425 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02210

Films at the Gate
August 23 to August 25
5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Chinatown Gate
The annual Films at the Gate free movie screenings will take place at the Chinatown Gate. For more information, visit http://asiancdc.org/events/jump2019.

RepresentAsian conference
Saturday, August 24
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
260 Longfellow Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
The RepresentAsian conference at Harvard Medical School focuses on Asian American representation in health care data to combat disparity. Register at https://tinyurl.com/representasi-

First-time homebuyer classes
August 24 to 25
9 a.m.
11 Darmouth Street
Malden, MA 02148
ACDC offers HB101 classes in English and Chinese. Each session is a minor class over the course of a two-day weekend. Tuition is $50. Sign up for a workshop, graduate and receive a certificate, and become eligible for discounted mortgage products. Registration is required, by calling (617) 482-2380 x 208 or 202, emailing CHOAP @ asiancdc.org or visiting http://asiancdc.org/hb101.

Breakfast seminar
Thursday, August 29
9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
120 Shawmut Street
Boston, MA 02118
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Boston Mayor Walsh recognizes Nam Pai as outstanding Chinatown business

BY KAREN MAI

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh honored outstanding volunteers and businesses in the South End July 22 during his annual Main Street trolley tour.

Walsh said, “Small businesses are the lifeblood of our local economy and the backbone of our communities — they represent goods and services close to home, first jobs for our young people, and opportunities for our residents. I’m proud of initiatives like Boston Main Streets and business improvement districts, which support our local small business economy and I encourage everyone to visit, support, and explore Boston’s small, local establishments.”

For Chinatown, Nam Pai Martial Arts Academy was recognized as business of the year. Chinatown Main Street nominated the academy for preserving the traditional lion dance at many events for years, continuing Chinese culture. Many Nam Pai members also volunteer with Chinatown Main Street and give back to the community.

Chinatown’s volunteer of the year award went to Larry Wong. Wong has dedicated over 40 years to bringing the Chinatown community together, lending his efforts to organizing and working at neighborhood events.

Walsh recognized the Boomerangs thrift stores, which sell high-quality donations to benefit the LGBTQ+ community in Boston.

Chinatown residents oppose office tower

BY YIYAN ZHENG

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) hosted a public meeting about 125 Lincoln Street at St. James the Greater Church July 18.

The site is the current home of Hei La Moon, Great Wall Supermarket, a parking garage and other retail establishments.

The project consists of a 625,000 square foot office building with ground-floor retail and other commercial use, and 7,500 square foot open space adjacent to Lincoln Street and the Greenway.

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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

The Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) of Tufts University/Tufts Medical Center will hold an Open Meeting to the public on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 5pm.

The meeting will be held at The Jarvis Family Center for Biomedical and Nutrition Sciences located at 150 Harrison Avenue, Behrakis Auditorium, Room 130 in Boston.

The IBC is responsible for ensuring that all research involving potentially biohazardous agents done at or sponsored by Tufts University or Tufts Medical Center is conducted in compliance with National Institutes of Health Guidelines and with proper concern for the safety of research personnel, the environment, and the surrounding communities.

The Tufts University/Tufts Medical Center IBC is based in Boston and regulates this research for the Tufts University Health Sciences Campus, Tufts University Medford/Somerville Campus, Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, and Tufts Medical Center. Members of the community are encouraged to attend the open meeting to learn more about the Institutional Biosafety Committee and its regulatory functions and biohazard risk management. Meeting attendees must have a form of photo identification to enter the building. For more information, please contact the Tufts IBC Office at 617-695-6982 or IBC-Office@tufts.edu. The website can be found here: https://riskprevent.tufts.edu/56/
BY LING-MEI WONG

The Clean Up Chinatown Committee discussed street cleanliness July 25 at the Asian American Civic Association.

Boston requires property owners to keep sidewalks clean to the curb, according to municipal ordinance Article 23, Sections 5 and 9. Regardless of who left the litter, the property owner can be held liable. Fines for violations can be levied to businesses, said Steve Tinkle, Boston director of code enforcement.

The public is encouraged to report litter and trash to Boston 311, either by calling 311 or downloading the app. Bos ton Councilor Ed Flynn asked city residents to notify his office through email about 311 app reports in District 2, which includes Chinatown and downtown Bos ton. Flynn will have his staff follow up.

The committee spoke with the Massachusetts Beverage Association about collaborating on litter clean up and recycling in public spaces, said Edward Hsieh, AACA director of business growth. It also discussed air pollution mitigation plans, such as planting more trees, in response to a report from the Union of Concerned Scientists that found Chinatown has the worst air pollution statewide.

CCC

The Chinese Consolidated Benevo lent Association of New England held its bimonthly meeting July 30 at its 90 Tyler Street headquarters.

The CCC sent out a request for proposals to develop 50 Herald Street, currently leased to Great Wall Supermarket. No proposals were received since June 28, said executive director Susan Chu.

A leak from the supermarket seems to be flowing into 100 Shawmut Avenue, which is under construction by The Davis Companies. During the sheet-pile foundation process, the leak was found and the supermarket was notified, Chu said. A corner of G-Mart was damaged during construction and was repaired by TDC.

Mayor Gary Christenson and four officials from various departments answered resident questions at the Malden Police Station on July 25.

City Hall hosts the public meeting every three months to invite different officials to communicate with local residents directly.

Residents asked about the timeline for City Hall construction across from Malden Center T station. Completion is planned for the end of the year, Christenson said.

“Isn’t exciting. That could be the first in the state, if not the country, to have civic, retail and residential all in one development,” Christenson said. “By December, the construction will be done and all people and us (City Hall) will all move in.”

Community traffic was a concern for residents. Aggressive driving, bumpy roads as well as ineffective lights and signage increase safety risk for pedestrians.

“For anyone that has suggestions about parking or traffic flows in the city, I believe the city’s Traffic Commission would be able to undertake the issues,” said Kevin Molis, Malden Police Department Chief.

Molis said the Traffic Commission is a citizen-generated body that can be reached at (781) 397-7184. Its meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Malden Senior Center, 7 Washington Street, with the next meeting in September.

All the questions were from online platforms. It is convenient for residents to communicate with public officials from their homes.

“People are busy. English content is available through social media and online resources. However, in Malden, more than half of the residents speak a non-English language, making it challenging to reach all communities.”

“We have more work to do, no doubt,” Christenson said.

Residents raised questions about safe, clean and sustainable environment, early education, after-school programs, and opportunities for teachers of color.

To contact local officials, go to the official website of the City of Malden. You can also email info@cityofmalden.org and mayor@cityofmalden.org.

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Chinatown tours examine history, change and food

BY LING-MEI WONG

The history tour starts with “Chow Mandarin,” the first Chinese person on record in Massachusetts, who was buried at the Central Burying Ground in 1798. Tour guide Chloe Lin said Chow worked in the tea trade on a ship, before his untimely passing and burial by a kind sea captain.

Many of the Chinese people in Massachusetts were merchants, students and sailors. In 1870, the Sampson shoe factory in North Adams had a strike by the Irish workers. Lin says she was negotiating with the workers, the owners brought in 75 Chinese men from San Francisco as strike breakers. It is likely that some of the workers had built the Transcontinental Railroad and became the first Chinese settlers in Massachusetts.

Hong Far Low was the first documented Chinese restaurant in Chinatown restaurant for laborers in 1879, which later became “Gosh shop stery” at 36 Harrison Avenue. Harrison Avenue was formerly known as “Front Street” in the 1840s for being on the waterfront, as most of downtown Boston is landfill.

The 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act effectively ended Chinese immigration, making Chinatown a bachelor society during an economic downturn. Tyler Street was a merchant district during the Chinese Exclusion Act, with the building at 10 Tyler Street boasting a distinctive profile. It was originally built for the Goon Family Association and currently houses the Lee Family Association.

Chinatown attracted people from the Theatre District to come eat after shows. The trend in the ‘80s were tiki bars. Tyler Street has many restaurants to this day.

Harrison Avenue is one of the widest streets in Chinatown, widened in 1893 to accommodate the elevated train that ran from 1900 to 1941. It made the streetscape sooty and created noise as the train went overhead. The train was closed by Corner Cafe at Harrison Avenue and Beach Street is just one story high, so it could fit under the tracks.

By the time, the Krogan brothers sold 70 acres to a Chinese syndicate of building the site of the first archaeological dig in China this summer.

In 1951, the Chinese Merchants Association of New England building was constructed. However, the construction of the highways in 1954 would have demolished it. The Chinese Merchants negotiated moving the path of the highway, but were forced to demolish the back third of the building.

The Chinatown library was also demolished, then moved to Tyler Street and never replaced, Lin said. Its former site is now Tai Tung Village. A potential library site is Parcel 12 at Tremont Street, which is going through the permitting process.

In the 1930s, the Chinese Merchants Association purchased a garment factory building on Oxford Street, which housed the Kwong Kong Chinese School, a Fire Hall and later the Sun Sun Grocery store. Many garment factories had large windows to maximise sunlight. Oxford Street was the site of the community bulletin board, which was replaced with non-working windows. However, it’s tied to the Sampson, which first published in 1972.

In 1976, the Chinatown Gate was gifted to Boston by the government of Taiwan. The gate did not until 1982, with its lions — not “foo dogs” — at its base.

The tour closed with Lin’s food recommendations, which included the delicious pork chop rice at Taiwan Café.

Affordable Rental Housing Lottery

Richmond Meadows II Rental Apartment Development

The Affordable Rental Housing Lottery is a 225 unit rental apartment community located on 20 Davkim Lane in Nantucket (off Old South Road). This lottery is for the first moment of 24 affordable apartment units which will be available through a lottery conducted by the Nantucket Housing Authority.

These first 24 rental apartments will be made available through this application process and rented to households with annual incomes at or below 80% of the Area Median Income. All apartment units will include a combination of hardwood floors (in kitchens, living rooms, and bedrooms) and the floors in (all bathrooms). All units will have electric forced hot air central/air conditioning, with one temperature control zone in each apartment unit.

Kitchen will be appointed with stainless steel appliances, and 2 units are being delivered in 2020. The buildings will be built by the Nantucket Housing Authority.

Affordable Rental Housing Lottery

The lottery is open for household applications until September 18, 2019. Applications postmarked by September 18, 2019 will be considered for the lottery.

For more information or to apply, visit www.s-e-b.com or call (617) 782-6900 x1 and leave a message or postal mail SEB Housing, 257 Hillside Ave, Needham MA 02494. For TTY Services dial 711. Free translation available.
**How to recognize signs of depression for smokers**

**BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

Smokers are more likely to have depression than non-smokers. Nobody knows for sure why this is. People who have depression might smoke to feel better. Or smokers might get depression more easily because they smoke. No matter what the cause, there are treatments that work for both depression and smoking.

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If you need help now, call a 24-hour crisis center at 1-800-273-TALK (1825) or 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433) for free, private help or dial 911.

Sometimes people who are feeling depressed think about hurting themselves or themselves. Or smokers might get depression more easily because they smoke. Mood changes from quitting smoking may be part of withdrawal. Withdrawal is your body getting used to not having nicotine. Mood changes from nicotine withdrawal usually get better in a week or two. If mood changes do not get better in a couple of weeks, you should talk to your doctor.

Something else, like depression, could be the reason. Smoking may seem to help you with depression. You might feel better in the moment. But there are many problems with using cigarettes to cope with depression. There are other things you can try to lift your mood:

- Exercise
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Mood changes

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**Tufts Medical Center**

Tufts Medical Center’s Health Initiative (AHI) has worked with the Chinatown community to address health needs for over two decades. The AHI identifies health priorities from public health data, community engagement and advisory committee feedback. With community partners, the AHI has addressed various health priorities over the years, including chronic disease, mental health, family violence and promotion of healthy lifestyles. Community partners are presently focused on the harmful effects of smoking, including smoking cessation, prevention and education.

**CLIMATE: Poor areas face more risk**

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A 2016 study conducted by the Barcelona Laboratory for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability found that urban climate adaptation plans often place or bypass lower-income residents. Newly built green projects can price out existing residents or divert investment away from poorer neighborhoods, especially when private firms control financing.

Chinatown is already devastated by gentrification. But this green gentrification has a deceptive façade. Climate change’s impacts in Boston, including sea level rise, create an urgent tone. Although this forces policymakers to act quickly, they must also act carefully to remember environmental justice values in their decisions.

New green infrastructure financing should have guarantees that protect public housing, rent affordability, and equitable distribution of investment. Otherwise we could be faced with a choice between the ocean flooding into the city, or low-income residents flooding out.

About the author

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After 32 years, New Dong Khanh to close Sunday

BY MANDY SUN

Bustling waiters, loud smoothie mixers and mouthwatering Vietnamese dishes are all ingredients of New Dong Khanh’s cozy charm. The family-owned business has served generations of Boston Chinatown folk with delicious food and drinks, and after 32 years, they close August 4.

The restaurant is owned by a second-generation Chinese-Vietnamese family. The classic Vietnamese plates of pho, vermicelli and rice plates with grilled meat are all original family recipes created in the tiny kitchen. It also serves smoothies and after 32 years, they close August 4. This restaurant is a huge part of the founder’s son. While this cozy restaurant will leave Chinatown, the New Dong Khanh family welcome all to join them August 4 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to celebrate 32 years. Free cake, milk tea and pictures with the family will be offered to all comers.

“The wanted something to continue our legacy, but we also wanted to have something for me and my brother,” said the founder’s son.

Regular customers were saddened by the closing, the founders’ sons said they will miss the Chinatown community they grew up in.

The restaurant founders came from Vietnam during the war. In America they worked several jobs, saving money to open the restaurant. Despite the impending closure, the founders’ sons said they will miss the Chinatown community they grew up in.

Residents voiced concerns about the impact of the wind tunnel and the size of the building cast shadows on the Greenway and create greater public space. However, as the last public meeting held at Hei La Moon was the final vision of the 125 Lincoln project would only accelerate such obstacles without realizing the universal truths in “what goes around comes around” and “do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

Even if we engage in positive giving, there are different levels of positive giving that we can offer. To give money or material possessions is the easiest to accomplish; to give praise or offer caring words is a virtue of higher attainment. But to give the teachings of the Buddha is the greatest gift of all. The giver will acquire unsurpassed merit, while the receiver, development, said the vice president of development, said the company has been in talks with community developer Asian Community Development Corporation to create more affordable housing at 79 Essex Street, another site Oxford owns in Chinatown.

The proposed new building would provide 18-hour building activity, improve neighborhood businesses and create greater public space. However, as the last public meeting held at Hei La Moon June 26, the plan was opposed by residents. Residents voiced concerns about the height and the size of the building casting shadows on the Greenway and creating wind tunnels.

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Our parents give us unconditional love and care; our teachers give us a chance to gain knowledge and achievements. All kinds of people in society provide us with conditions that are conducive to our daily survival. Now, we must take the time and ask ourselves, what have we done for others in return? What have we given to our families, friends, society, and the world?

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By VENERABLE MASTER HSIN YUN, FOUNDER OF FO GUANG SHAN TEMPLE

In this world, the wealthy are those who give freely to others. The poor are those who covet only for themselves. Generally speaking, it is easier to provide for oneself than it is for others; however, if we do not till the land and sow the seeds, we will never reap the harvest.

If we do not practice the virtue of giving, how can we obtain true wealth?

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One senior Chinatown resident spoke about the impact of the wind tunnel and lack of parking space, and considered the project would only accelerate such issues. “I am already surrounded by 20-story luxury tall buildings in Chinatown. But they keep building and encroaching. Because of the lack of the parking space, we have less visits from home health aides and family members,” he said. “With all the wind tunnels created by these high-rises, a lot of us elders cannot escape from the impact and we get blown away. And for a lot of the elderly who are sick, they are trapped inside the building during winter, because they’re afraid to go outside.”

When asked if Oxford Properties could develop affordable housing at 79 Essex Street first, McGowan said the team would consider it with the city. However, any plans need to correlate to the final vision of the 125 Lincoln project. Hotel plans for 79 Essex Street have not been filed with the city.

Other concerns were the commercial use of the building not being appropri- ated for the neighborhood. Traffic would be impacted, with hundreds of cars and thousands of people commuting to the office building. The empty dark space on nights and weekends would worsen existing problems with loitering and petty crime.

MEETINGS: CCBA builds housing

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Tai Tung Village has 214 units, for about 500 residents.

CCBA was awarded $290,234 from Boston Community Preservation Act fund and $22,000 from the Department of Neighborhood Development for building improvements, Chu said. CCBA’s 90

Tyler Street exterior needs repairs, with four contractor bids. Directors voted for Haverty as its $108,350 bid was lowest, among the four contractor bids. Directors voted for Haverty as its $108,350 bid was lowest, among the four contractor bids.

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From Bangkok to Boston: Performer Benz Atthakaranunp dazzles with acting, singing and dancing

BY LINDA CHIN

This July, 217 young people from Chinatown Adventures, Idit Learning Center and American Chinese Christian Educational and Social Services enrichment programs set sail to the Boston Harbor Islands this July. (Image courtesy of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.)

Chinatown kids enjoy free cruises to Boston Harbor Islands

BY SAVE THE HARBOR/SAVE THE BAY

Chinatown children from Chinatown Adventures, Idit Learning Center and American Chinese Christian Educational and Social Services (ACCESS) enrichment programs set sail to the Boston Harbor Islands on Bay State Cruise Company’s flagship Province Town II on a free All Access Boston Harbor cruise hosted by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

The youth and teens enjoyed a day filled with fun, fishing, environmental exploration and songs and stories of the sea.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s free All Access Boston Harbor program is a series of free day trips that bring local youth organizations out to Spectacle and Georges Island where they have an opportunity to learn the history of Boston Harbor and the harbor cleanup, explore everything the island has to offer, and enjoy Boston’s spectacular urban natural resources.

Asian American realtors cruise into summer

The Asian Real Estate Association of America Boston chapter’s summer cruise took place July 24 on the Spirit of Boston. AREAA is a nonprofit professional trade organization dedicated to promoting sustainable homeownership opportunities in Asian American communities. (Image courtesy of AREAA Boston.)

Panapatpong “Benz” Atthakaranunp will play Jacob in “La Cage Aux Folles” at Reagle Music Theater of Greater Boston. (Image courtesy of St. James.)

Youth volunteers give back to neighbors

BY ST. JAMES THE GREATER CHURCH

Youth members of St. James the Greater Church helped prepare meals July 27 at the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Dorchester. (Image courtesy of St. James.)

Affordable Housing Lottery

Metropolitan at Reading Station

35 Lincoln Street, Reading, MA

1BRs @ $1,550*, 2BRs @ $1,842*, 3BRs @ $2,114*


Metropolitan at Reading Station is a 68 unit rental apartment community where 17 apartments will be made available through this application process. Metropolitan at Reading Station is a modern luxury apartment building steps to the Reading Commuter Rail Station and features a gym (with Peloton equipment), a “flex space” on the first floor with Coffee Bar, and a Lounge on the fourth floor overlooking Downtown Reading complete with Fireplace, kitchen, table game, large screen TV. Units feature custom cabinetry, quartz countertops, Hotpoint appliances including washer/dryer and dishwasher, AC, high ceilings, large windows, and an open air feel. One parking spot is included in the rent with affordable units. Units will be ready for occupancy in October 2019.

MAXIMUM Household Income Limits:

- $62,450 (1 person), $71,400 (2 people), $80,350 (3 people), $89,300 (4 people), $98,350 (5 people), $105,300 (6 people)

Completed Applications and Required Income Documentation must be received, not postmarked, by 2 pm on September 20th, 2019.

For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to www.s-e-b.com/lottery or call 617/787-7900 (TTY) and leave a message. For TTY Services dial 711. Free translation available.

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