



## **HARBORSIDE HAPPENINGS**

### Monthly Update, March 2021

"You gotta try your luck at least once a day, because you could be going around lucky all day and not even know it." – **Jimmy Dean**

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**Happy St. Paddy's Day!** The Trustees and Lesley Management want to wish all a very Happy St. Patrick's Day – and don't forget to Spring forward with the Daylight Savings Time change on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Accomplishments and Ongoing Activities**

#### **February Accomplishments**

##### **Budget**

- The major project forecast thru 2022 is on hold pending our approach to funding the Building D Egress & Decking Project.

##### **Building maintenance**

- The new Building C Fire Panel was inspected and passed both the Fire and Electrical Inspections. All permits closed.
- Masonry repairs (e.g., cracks, bluestone cap replacement...) in select areas are on hold pending better weather.

##### **Seawall**

- The planned annual maintenance of the seawall will continue once weather permits.

- The Board met with GZA Environmental and has begun preliminary discussions for improved drainage under the parking lot which the “resurfaced” in the form of sink holes and broken asphalt particularly on the south end of the parking lot because of recent storm activity.
- The Building D Open Order for the foundation and Sea Wall work for previously completed work was approved and closed.

### **Exterior**

- Investigation ongoing to develop improved signage around Harborside. Alternative approaches are being investigated.

### **Major projects**

- D Building Egress and Decking Project
  - Conservation Commission permitting process continued to the March meeting.
  - The construction bid solicitation process has begun, contractors are being contacted to gauge interest in the project.

### **March Expectations**

#### **Budget**

- The major project forecast thru 2022 will remain on hold pending our approach to the funding the Building D Egress & Decking Project.

#### **Building maintenance**

- Complete masonry repairs (e.g., cracks, bluestone cap replacement...) in select areas, weather permitting.

#### **Seawall**

- The Board plans to meet to the Woods Hole Group to continue investigating alternative solutions to parking lot drainage and in general improving the property’s resilience in the face of the increasing implications of climate change.

### **Exterior**

- Finalize recommendations related to improving the signage around Harborside.

### **Major projects**

- D Building Egress and Decking Project
  - Continue the permitting process with the Zoning and Conservation Commissions.
  - Continue soliciting cost quotes from qualified construction companies.
  - Continue to investigate alternative approaches to funding the project.

### **Volunteers Needed**

The Board is asking for Owner support in expanding the content of the newsletter – all amateur writers and contributors in general are welcome!

## Welcome Aboard!

Welcome to new owners of Unit B8, Suzanne & Stephen Pike. Apologies for leaving Suzanne out of our initial welcome announcement in the February newsletter.

### Did you know....

*Nearly 12 percent of Americans*, and more than 80 million worldwide claim to be of Irish ancestry. That gives a lot of people a pretty good excuse to rock shamrocks and down a pint or two of Guinness on March 17. But beyond the parades and partying at the pub, how much do these lads and lasses really know about St. Patrick's Day? Here are a few St. Patrick's Day facts to consume along with all that corned beef and cabbage Sunday.

*Not native to the Emerald Isle.* St. Patrick wasn't Irish and wasn't born in Ireland. His parents were Roman citizens who lived in Wales, where Patrick was born in 385 AD. Patrick died March 17, 461 AD, which is the holy day observed by the Catholic Church.

*A religious experience.* When he was 16, Patrick was kidnapped and sold into slavery by Irish marauders. During his enslavement he formed his religious beliefs and after escaping back to England was ordained as a priest. Patrick later returned to Ireland to convert the Irish Celtic pagans to Christianity.

*Shamrocks and snakes.* The shamrock symbol associated with St. Patrick's was used as a teaching tool to explain the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) to the pagan Irish. Legend credits St. Patrick with driving the snakes out of Ireland, but as there were never any snakes to begin with, the reptiles were more likely a metaphor for ridding the country of pagan beliefs and practices.

Source: <https://marblehead.wickedlocal.com/news/20190311/6-facts-about-st-patricks-dayand-thats-no-blarney>



Better days are coming...images will have to do till next summer! Owners are encouraged send us your favorite Marblehead pictures and we'll include them in upcoming newsletters.

