

ASK THE EXPERT

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Q: What are the hottest neighborhoods in Boston?

A: The downtown and metro area is always hot as far as real estate is concerned. But in the past couple of years we have seen a renaissance in East Boston, which is expanding rapidly into other areas including Chelsea.

Q: What’s your favorite Boston attraction?

A: The Public Library on Boylston Street. I think it gets completely under-appreciated—it is not only a significant institution in the nation but a building that has the most gorgeous architecture.

Q: What’s the most surprising thing about Boston?

A: How green the city is. We have some of the most beautiful parks connecting the city. From the Emerald Necklace to all the small and medium-sized parks and squares throughout the city.

Q: How does your job connect you to the city?

A: Being in real estate allows me to directly and physically connect to

the city. I walk this city all day every day and I love it.

Q: What’s your favorite neighborhood restaurant?

A: In the South End I absolutely love Boston Chops; in the Back Bay I am a huge fan of Select Oyster Bar; in South Boston I really enjoy The Maiden; in Chinatown I love China Pearl; in Fenway it’s all about Sweet Cheeks; in Beacon Hill I enjoy the BH Bistro. I could keep going for a long time... in Bay Village the hidden gem is Erbaluce.

Q: Seasonal preference—summer, fall or winter?

A: Summer. I am a proud Bostonian but I cannot let go of my Colombian blood... so I need the hot weather!

BEST TIP

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