



The Boston Zoning Board of Appeals approved three extra stories for Roslindale's Ace Hardware, owned by local concert violinist Joseph Porteleki.

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ZBA approves Roslindale Ace Hardware three story addition

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met on Tuesday, Oct. 19, and approved a three-story addition to the Ace Hardware Store in Roslindale.

The store, located at 4395-4407 Washington St., is the longest-operating hardware store in the city (formerly known as Roslindale Hardware). Owner Joseph Porteleki purchased the property almost 52 years ago, and has been at the location since that time.

ZBA members asked Porteleki to look at expanding parking. Architect John Freeman represented Porteleki during the ZBA hearing. Porteleki said he could expand parking in the property next door to the hardware store, as he owns the parcel and lives there.

"I've been there for the last 50 years, and I suppose there are possibilities," he said.

Resident Sarah Holden said she was in support of Porteleki, but had concerns with the parking and potential traffic issues if all residents had cars.

"Joe has been instrumental to my family integrating into the community here and I want nothing more than to support this project, however I'm deeply concerned about the traffic," she said. "If a car parks directly in front of the hardware store, it blocks the

entrance to my street, Metropolitan Avenue. Throughout the day, there's a sign that says no parking, but I'm deeply concerned that the parking situation on that road will become untenable. I want to support Joe's proposal but I just want to make sure it's safe for our family. We have a child with health concerns and we want to make sure there is constant access to get in and out of our street."

Neighbor Stephanie Miller said she doesn't believe shared parking between residential and commercial is a real thing.

"The reality is there are people who are going to take advantage of the commuting capabilities of having three bus lines right there and they're going to park their cars in the back to use on the weekends, and you can't necessarily discriminate, or maybe you can. Let me know if this is true or not," she said. "This street is already at parking capacity. We have neighbors who are already parking at the end of the dead end street illegally, justifying space savers."

The ZBA voted unanimously to approve the project with the proviso of expanding the parking capacity.

Freeman said the addition would have 14 units of housing ranging in size from 750 square feet for one-bedroom units and 1,500 square feet for two-bedroom units. The project is proposed to be rental.

"We're also planning to make this a very green build-

ing, planning an array of photovoltaic (solar panels) on the roof and, in terms of parking, there are 14 spaces existing that we plan to keep for shared parking between the commercial units and the residential units," he said. "It's also worth noting that there are three bus lines and is an easy walk to Roslindale Village where there is the Commuter Rail... And we hope the tenants won't all have cars."

Mark Erlich and several other members of the Board said they were not that comfortable with shared parking spaces.

"I mean you can hope they won't all have cars," he said.

Porteleki said the store is generally only open until about 4 or 5 p.m.

"After that, the entire amount of parking is available for the neighbors or anybody who's there," he said. "At the moment, if you go there any time after 6 p.m., you'll discover the parking lot is empty and there's nobody there until 8 or 9 in the morning."

Erlich asked if the entire parking lot is used by the customers, and Porteleki said the turnover is quite fast and it's never more than half full.

Former Roslindale Village Main Street Executive Director Steve Gag said he supported the project.

"I've known Joe and his business for a long time and this is exactly the kind of

Ace

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Pols say "Vote Like Your Life Depends on It"

Mary Ellen Gambon
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On the evening of the final presidential debate on Thurs. Oct. 22, Massachusetts Congressional leaders Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and U.S. Sen. Ed Markey had a strong and succinct message for more than 25 Ward 18 Democrats: "Vote like your life depends on it."

That was the title of a virtual forum organized by the Ward 18 Democratic Committee to educate voters on the issues they faced in the upcoming election on Tues. Nov. 2. The district includes Hyde Park, Readville and parts of Roslindale and Mattapan. The 90-minute dialogue also explained two of the ballot questions located on the back of the ballot: the right to repair initiative and ranked choice voting. The event was cosponsored by the Ward 1 and Ward 17 Democratic Committees, the Voices of Boston, Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale, Yes on 2 -Ranked Choice Voting, and the Massachusetts Democratic Party.

Ward 18 Democratic Committee Chair Cecily Graham kicked off the night by introducing moderator Segun Idowu. He got to the heart of the matter with his first question to Pressley, asking how to motivate people to vote who felt apathetic with the



U.S. Sen. Ed Markey

system of government.

"The contrasts for me are very stark," she said of this election as she blasted the President. "This is fascism versus democracy. We have in the occupant of this White House cruelty, corruption, callousness, chaos, someone who alienates our allies, befriends our enemies, endorses disinformation campaigns. That is a threat to our free and fair elections."

By contrast, when Pressley was elected to Congress, she noted a marked change in voter turnout and a change in the complexion of representative government.

"In our race alone, because we did not make assumptions about who desires and deserves a seat at the table of democracy, we grew the Latino vote by 70 percent," she noted, while in some instances, the student vote ex-

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Three proposals reviewed at Arborway meeting

Richard Heath
Staff Reporter

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Deputy Chief Engineer for statewide parkways Jeffrey Parenti presented three alternative redesigns of the Arborway between Parkman Drive and the Arboretum at a virtual meeting attended by 140 people on Oct 21.

"All three concepts achieve three goals in different ways," Parenti said.

They reduce traffic speed, increase pedestrian and bicycle travel and provide more and

safer cross connections for pedestrians and bikes on raised and signalized crossings.

The options are named Two Circles, One Circle and No Circle.

One plan eliminates both rotaries at Kelly Circle (Parkman Drive) and Murray Circle (at the Arboretum).

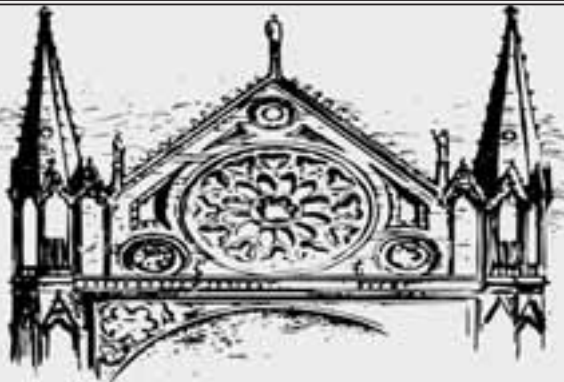
The other two options are modified versions of the two rotaries.

Parenti cautioned the callers that "these are conceptual sketches."

"These are not engineering

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project we need in Roslindale: high-density, transportation-oriented and great design in terms of energy efficiency,” he said. “So I’m all for it and it’s going to work.”

Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services Roslindale Representative Joseph Coppinger said the office is in support of the project.

“This is a project we’ve seen in similar locations in the neighborhood and is good added density,” he said. “I would just like to note that there were concerns about the parking that have been brought forth.”

Representatives of At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu, At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty, At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George and District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo said the councilors were in favor of the project as well. Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Deputy Director for Regulatory Planning Bryan Glascock said the BPDA was in favor of the project provided design review focuses on relating this building to the rest of the neighborhood.

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Parkway Parents Trick-or-Treat

Ariane Komyati
Staff Reporter

Halloween 2020 is certainly going to be memorable - it takes place on a Saturday, there will be a full moon, and there is an ongoing pandemic. But many families in Boston (and across the nation) are wondering if trick-or-treating is worth the risk this year due to COVID-19.

Earlier this month, Governor Charlie Baker decided against outright canceling Halloween in Massachusetts, saying a ban on trick-or-treating "could encourage people to hold indoor costume parties and other risky activities during the coronavirus pandemic."

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has released "Tips for a Safe and Healthy Halloween" on the Mass.gov website. These guidelines (which are consistent with the Halloween activity guide released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) include doing Halloween activities outside rather than indoors, placing candy on a platter rather than in a bowl, one-way trick-or-treating, with treats placed outside of the home for trick-or-treaters as a "grab and go"

while keeping distance from others, leaving hand sanitizer out for trick-or-treaters, refraining from touching your face, holding virtual Halloween events, and wearing a facemask.

"A costume mask is not a substitute for a face mask or face covering. To protect yourself and others, ensure you are wearing a protective face mask or covering instead of or in addition to a costume mask," Mask Up MA states on its website.

Many parents in the Parkway area have said that they will be observing these guidelines. Roger Leone, who lives in the Bellevue Hill neighborhood, stated that his family will be "doing a candy hunt and a little trick or treating. We'll set up a table at our gate for the kids that are trick or treating."

Lori Johnston Corriveau, who lives in the Brook Farm neighborhood of West Roxbury, stated that her street will be having a very local celebration. "We are having a very local Halloween parade and scavenger hunt for the little ones," she stated. "Our neighborhood has many chil-

Trick-or-Treat

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Exams temporarily eliminated for exam schools

Greta Gaffin
Staff Reporter

The Boston School Committee voted unanimously last Wednesday to temporarily suspend the use of exams for entry into the city's three exam schools (Boston Latin School (BLS), Boston Latin Academy (BLA), and the John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science) due to various issues caused by COVID-19, including the growing racial and ethnic inequities caused by at-home learning.

School committee chairman Michael Loconto resigned last Thursday hours after the vote, following an outcry over racist comments he made during the meeting on Zoom mocking the names of Chinese and African-American people. This was after he said that voting to suspend the exam was "the proudest moment I've had in 18 years of public service". Loconto had been school committee chairman since 2018.

In 1989, Boston residents voted away having an elected school committee, with the first appointed committee taking office in 1992. Last week, however, there were protests in favor of returning to an elected school committee, led by the New Democracy Coa-

lition.

The system approved will allot the first 20% of exam school seats to Boston students with the highest pre-COVID-19 grades. This applies to students in all types of schools, public, charter, private, parochial, and home school. They will only be considered for their first choice school. If they do not get into their first choice school in the first round, they will be considered again for the second round.


The remaining 80% of seats will be offered in rounds based on grades in individual ZIP codes, starting with those ZIP codes that have the lowest median family incomes. Each ZIP code will be allotted a certain number of seats based on how

many school age children live in that ZIP code. If their first choice is not available, they will be allotted their second choice, and if that is not available, their third choice, if seats remain open.

This would apply to six, eighth, and ninth graders, although only the O'Bryant accepts new students into tenth grade. However, students who are currently attending an exam school are excluded. Boston Public Schools (BPS) did not return comment about why current exam school students are excluded from this process. Students will qualify for the pool by either grades or MCAS scores, although MCAS scores

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For almost eight minutes of unmitigated foot-stomping exuberance, listen to the above song on Youtube as recorded by Mumford and Sons, and others. It might relieve some of the stress about next Tuesday. But at least the tension in Boston is not about the process itself, with 262 precincts enabling participation in the hallmark activity of democracy. And, hopefully, the results will be a transition to glory, whatever your definition of "glory" is.

It's never been easier to vote in Boston. Never, ever. As a guy who has always voted when in-state, I find it hard to believe that somebody in Boston could ever say that he/she didn't have the time to vote this year.

In addition to all the encouragement that athletes and movies stars have provided about voting, this year Boston has made voting so easy with its early voting extending over many days. Whereas in other communities, people have had to stand in line for hours, the city has provided numerous early voting locations. Photographs of potential voters wrapped around blocks waiting in line to vote should make us all here grateful for the numerous places to cast a ballot.

In such places as Texas, only one safe ballot box per county is allowed. Harris County, larger than Rhode Island, has only one such box. Boston, on the other hand, has 17, emptied nightly by the Municipal Police.

Mail-in voting is easy: no stamps required, the opposite of what happened to me several years ago when I had to lick two stamps—what a cheapskate I was—to ensure an absentee ballot arrived.

In addition to storied Fenway Park as a location of early voting, Boston will provide 262 locations on November 3, a number of them grouped together in the same hall, each with its own police officer, each with directions for handicapped people taped lower on the walls for wheelchair-bound voters to read, and each with directions in a number of languages. Translators can be summoned, magnifying glasses utilized, and a special machine activated that helps vision-impaired people with difficulty of reading black upon a white background.

Voting locations are open from 7AM until 8PM, and the doors will not shut out those at 8 who are still in line—if there is a line—waiting to vote.

All sorts of precautions are in place to thwart coronavirus for those who want to vote in person.

Yikes! Is there any excuse outside of the sudden onset of food poisoning that could cause somebody not to vote?

There used to be one huge reason, besides apathy and sickness befalling themselves or their dependents, that caused people not to vote in the past: the person working two jobs or a long period of overtime on the first Tuesday of November. Yes, that used to be a valid excuse, but this year . . .



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dren under seven years old so that's what everyone came up with."

Roslindale resident and parent of two children, Bridget Ni Ghriofa, stated that her kids will be skipping trick-or-treating this year due to the pandemic. "

[We will be] staying home. Doing a candy scavenger hunt in the yard and probably going to drive around with hot cocoa to look at lights. And if we have time, a Halloween movie night," Ni Ghriofa explained.

Amanda Lockwood, a West Roxbury resident and parent of three children, will also be skipping trick-or-treating.

"[My kids will be] Staying home. It stinks, as Halloween is one of our all-time favorite holidays...group costumes and all! But with household health concerns, and anxiety of our young teens, we will party at home," stated Lockwood. "We are making our own group costumes...Once we costume up, scavenger hunt to find our candy

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Parkway kids will have to do trick-or-treating a bit differently this year to say the least.

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and goodie bags, capped off by a kid friendly Halloween movie. [I am] Contemplating a brief night time neighborhood walk in costume and masked up, just to get the full Halloween feel...it will depend on how comfortable our kids feel."

Some parents in the Parkway area stated that they will take a ride in the car to see all the neighborhood Halloween decor. Other

households plan on making small treat bags and leaving them on their front porch for trick-or-treaters to "grab and go". Many parents will still take their kids trick-or-treating but will be wearing (CDC approved) masks.

For more information regarding Halloween during COVID-19 safety in MA, visit [mass.gov/news/halloween-during-covid-19](https://www.mass.gov/news/halloween-during-covid-19).

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ploded by 400 percent. More than a quarter of voters in that election cast a ballot for the first time, so she stressed that every ballot does make a difference at this critical time in society.

Some of her goals include rapid testing for COVID-19, an equitable distribution of a vaccine, and the tackling of problems of what were once considered "niche issues," including the cancellation of student debt and paid leave.

One bill she coauthored was the "Saving Our Streets" initiative, a \$124.5 billion grant program to assist Black and brown businesses that had expressed concern about only being offered loans. Individual business grants would be awarded as high as \$250,000. Seventy-five percent of the grants must go to historically underrepresented businesses, including barber shops, bodegas and beauty salons.

Markey, joining from the nation's capital, was equally critical of Trump, calling him "a criminally negligent President."

One of Markey's top issues is "educational justice," noting that 16 million American children don't have Internet access at home, which impacts their home schooling during COVID-19.

His \$4 billion bill to provide Internet access to disenfranchised communities has been stalled in the Senate, Markey said. He noted that students will know who has access and who doesn't. Lack of access will lead to educational disparities that will eventually cause employment gaps.

Other problems Markey addressed are the unequal distribution of wealth in America, healthcare, racial justice, repealing of qualified immunity, repealing the filibuster and expanding the Supreme Court. "We are at the turning point in our history, and that is why this election is so important," Markey stressed. "Congress is a stimulus response institution, and there's nothing more stimulating than millions of people showing up to vote with a clear intent of delivering a

progressive agenda for our country."

Voters need to be "all gas and no breaks" in encouraging their friends and colleagues to go to the polls, he added.

Jesse Mermell, the honorary co-chair on Yes on 2 – Ranked Choice Voting, explained the question. It would begin in the 2022 cycle and would only impact federal and state elections other than the presidency, not municipal elections.

"You're given the opportunity to rank the candidates in order of your true preference," she explained. The candidate who would get 50 percent plus one vote would become the winner. If no candidate got that percentage, the last candidate would get bumped off, and that person's votes would get redistributed. This would keep happening until that amount of votes is reached by a candidate. This allows people to build coalitions, so spoilers can't take away from people with similar ideals, she explained.

Question 1, the right to repair bill, was explained by Tommy Hickey. This would allow people to go to any repair shop to get their car fixed rather than go to the dealer because currently the dealer has sole access to the electronic data. This is called "telematics."

"Voting you empowers you as a car owner," he said.

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ACA considers rats in Allston

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Staff Reporter

The Allston Civic Association (ACA) met on Oct. 21 to talk about what's been going on in the neighborhood in the last month, and one issue that has been cropping up for many Allston and Brighton residents has been rats and other rodents.

Rats have been a big problem in the two neighborhoods for decades (as Allston is now colloquially known as 'Allston Rat City' instead of 'Allston Rock City'), but the pandemic has made things worse, according to Assistant Commissioner of Environmental Services Leo Boucher. Boucher said one of the main things that has driven increased rat and rodent sightings in residential neighborhoods is that the animals' usual food sources have shifted from commercial areas with large dumpsters full of garbage that have reduced their output significantly during the pandemic. Now, the biggest sources of garbage and food are residential trash containers and dumpsters because of increased home cooking and takeout, and the rodent populations have figured this out.

"It's a wild dynamic, and it's happening all over every major

city in the country," he said.

But Boucher said there is a silver lining. The more residents send in complaints regarding rat and rodent sightings in residential neighborhoods, the easier the city can identify large population centers.

"The neighbors in Allston Brighton have been absolutely positively fantastic, giving us intelligence, calling in the complaints, and you know it's ironic that people see increased complaints as problems but that's our easiest way of gathering intelligence and dealing with these rodent problems," he said. "You folks are out there in the neighborhoods; you see what's going on and where the activity is."

Boucher said right now they are looking to lay traps and bait in underground areas on city property, but he also said one big problem that has been tricky

to deal with lately has been that of large landlords. He said most large landlord companies don't live in the city and don't take care of their property, leaving trash and food for rodents. He said Code Enforcement, a department with which they keep in constant communication, issues fines to landlords for code violations but his department in Rodent Control issues remedial suggestions before issuing punitive fines and, in extreme cases, going to Land Court.

Boucher said the problem of landlords and residents not adhering to city code has led to a new operation in his department.

"If we determine that somebody is a victim, we'll in some instances do a one-time baiting," he said. "We're actually starting to think outside the box

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The ACA also heard the newest version of the proposal for 20 Linden St. in Allston.

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plans,” he said. “Please don’t panic if you see things in these designs you don’t like or we may have missed.”

Richard Houghton, landscape architect from The Halvorson Companies, described the parkway from Parkman Drive to Centre Street as a “vehicular circulation pattern punctuated by rotaries.”

“They’ve linked Jamaica Pond to Franklin Park since Olmsted designed them in 1892,” he said. “They were built a few years later just before the automobile began to overtake movement in the city.”

The two rotaries were added much later: Murray Circle (at Centre St) in 1932 and Kelly Circle at Parkman Drive in 1942.

“The travel lanes are characterized by a regular rhythm of trees,” Houghton said. “They total 282, and 80 percent are red oak and all are mostly in good condition. In all three options, the concept is to keep the separate rows of trees and keep open

the views.”

Matt Jasmine is the project manager for Howard Stein Hudson and he described that the three options achieved three goals.

“Speed management, safe and convenient bike and pedestrian connections, enhanced pedestrian and bike crossings and it adds new lighting and signage,” he said.

Each alternative narrows the traffic lanes to four and separates them with a wide, tree-studded greensward from the two north and southbound carriageways along the private homes.

There will be bike and pedestrian lanes for all alternatives including the ones that maintain one or both rotaries, these vary in location but are at least 15 feet wide and may be shared.

Option A: Two Circles - maintains both rotaries, but Murray Circle is designed as a much smaller roundabout and Kelly is reconfigured as a tear-



Matt Jasmine (L) project manager and Jeff Parenti, chief engineer (far right), discuss the two circle option, which would maintain both rotaries, but redesign Murray Circle as a much smaller roundabout.

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drop shape with a crossroad connection to Pond Street.

Option B: One Circle - eliminates Kelly Circle completely and returns the parkway nearly to its original design of a continuous flowing two lane

motorway; Parkman Drive will be connected for the first time to Prince St by a straight signalized intersection. Pond Street drivers will turn left and enter the main traffic lane by a two-way carriageway to the Parkman crossover.

Option C: No Circle - eliminates both rotaries and reconstructs Murray Circle into Murray Square like Shea Square was rebuilt at Franklin Park and Morton Street in 2017.

The most dramatic change for homes along the Arborway will be in all three alternatives: separate two-way roads to be used exclusively by abutting residents. Jasmine explained that residents would no longer have to back into moving traffic.

The southbound carriageway that parallels May Street will be dead-ended at the last house. A dog-leg connection will allow residents to enter the main traffic lanes and change direction at the Centre Street intersection.

In all three options there are modifications in the walk-bikeways that will connect Jamaica Pond with the Arnold Arboretum but all keep a sweeping/curving movement: far better and safer ways of walking and biking than exist today.

All three options also have modifications in crossings and signalization. Parenti explained that there are discussions to be had about the number and location of signals and whether there will be timed traffic lights or on-demand call buttons such as at Eliot St. and the Arborway.

“The Arborway here is the only eight lane highway in metro Boston,” Parenti said. “We want to relocate traffic to a single barrel of four to six lanes.”

Parenti said the main problem is that drivers travel too fast.

“There’s a substantial

amount of pavement,” he said. “We really want to reclaim green space and trees.”

Option C - the No Circle at Murray Circle - will eliminate what Parenti described as “a general sense of chaos. A lot of dangerous interaction.”

“Option C changes the geometry,” Parente said. “It’s a totally changed context and will really slow down traffic.”

“Murray Circle right now is a very large unusable green space with a high volume of traffic navigating the circle,” he said. “It has a whole bunch of connections coming into it.”

“We want to make it very clear where traffic is to go with the new design,” Parente said. But he added he expects “[design] compromises at Murray Circle.”

Parenti said he anticipated a “mix and match of the design variations,” in the three options but especially at Murray Circle.

Jasmin said he would like to maintain parking on the Arborway for the Arnold Arboretum as well as add a shared bike and walkway along the Arboretum wall.

Parenti said he doesn’t have a cost estimate because he doesn’t have the final design.

“For example, I don’t know how many or what types of signalization we’ll need depending on the option,” he said.

Parenti said the design should be chosen by the first of the year. He said he anticipated that construction will begin later in 2021 and last two years.

Jenny Norwood of DCR said the comment period ends on Nov 6.

There are two ways to comment: on line at mass.gov/dcr/public-comment or on an interactive map - where the alternatives are shown in full color detail - at hsh.mysocialpinpoint.com/arborway.

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Fr. Mazzone feeling at home as new pastor of the Collaborative

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Fr. Joseph Mazzone says he has two overarching principles that have guided him throughout his life: family and faith. Both of them recently have brought him to take over the reins of the Blue Hills Collaborative, a system of Catholic parishes including Most Precious Blood in Hyde Park, St. Anne's in Readville and St. Pius X in Milton.

"They are a great group of people, and I am really excited to be here," he said. "When a priest moves away he loses his parish, his people, his town, everything. But one of the ways God graces us is that he sends us to wonderful towns like these, which makes the transition easier."

Mazzone said that, in his first month at the new parishes, people have embraced him like family, telling him that he is easy to talk with and that they enjoy his sense of humor.

"I find it's a great way to connect with people," Mazzone said. "Humor's a pretty universal language. You might disagree on politics or this and that, but most people agree that the same joke is funny."

Mazzone, a Providence native, grew up the youngest of

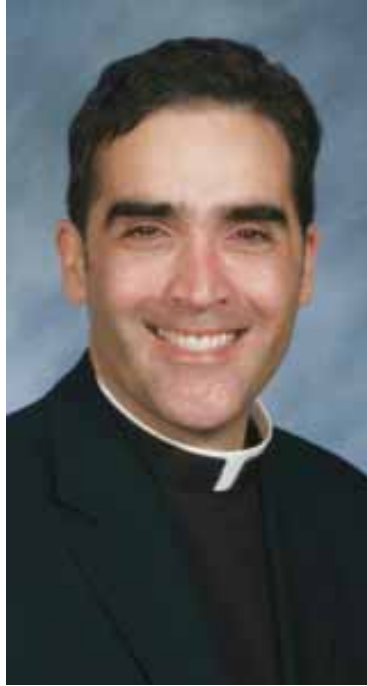
four brothers in a family deeply ingrained in the Catholic faith. He was named after St. Joseph, the Virgin Mary's husband and the patron saint of workers. In fact, he said he knew from early childhood that he wanted to become a priest.

"My parents were my first and best teachers in the ways of the faith," he explained. "I was drawn even as a child to the Mass and to the Eucharist. The second influence was that I had great priests in my life."

While he would attend Mass regularly with his family, his father, Remo, liked to attend the very early service. One day, Mazzone went with him when he was about seven years old and had a deeply religious experience that transformed him, he said.

"I remember looking into the sanctuary – it was the liturgy of the Eucharist part of the Mass," he recalled. "Father Chet was celebrating the Mass. He raised the host over the altar, and I knew it was different. I knew something mysterious and different and very beautiful had happened."

In school, he was asked what he wanted to be in third or fourth grade, and he drew a picture of himself as a priest. His mother, Theresa, framed it and brought it to his ordination.



Fr. Joseph Mazzone

"The third influence was Karl Malden, who plays a priest in the movie 'On the Waterfront,'" Mazzone added. "He plays a priest named Father Barry who is being threatened and his response to the people is to not be afraid for standing up for what is right. I thought, 'I want to be a priest like that.'"

After attending the University of Notre Dame, he did a two-year service project working with the poor in New Orleans.

After working for a few
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and we've got a database system with telephone numbers and actually calling these landlords on the telephone and just letting them know. If you want to be part of this process and go through this process and have to go to court, you want to pay more fines, continue to do what you're doing. If not, let's have a discussion right now and let's determine how we're going to move forward. We have had some success with that."

But Boucher pointed out that spring is the breeding season for rats and activity will most likely spike.

"But I can't stress this more, call, call, and call," he said. "I don't care how many calls we take, the more intelligence, the better. Some people get caught up in numbers, but I'm more interested with results. If someone's experiencing a problem, I want to assist them in any way I can."

Boucher said they have been working to leave bait stations in Lower Allston.

"And we've left some bait stations at Ringer Park," he said. "The issues that I'm hearing are very similar to a lot of neighborhoods."

The Allston Green compact living project at 20 Linden St. also came before the ACA to discuss updates to the project since they last met with the group in December of 2019. Attorney Johanna Schneider led the discussion from the developers' side.

"We have been using the downtime since last December to work on refinements to the project both from a design and a programming standpoint," she said. "The last time we were here in 2019, we did hear some key concerns from the neighborhood."

Schneider said those concerns included height and affordable housing issues, and she said they have been able to increase the number of Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) income-restricted units from 13 percent to 15 percent of the total 349 units, which equals 53 units. She added that 261 of the non IDP units will be priced as workforce housing, and will be below market rate.

"We've also been able to reduce the height of the project from 14 stories to a maximum of seven stories while still creating 14,000 square feet of privately-maintained public open space," she said.



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Hyde Park holds historic racial justice forum to confront past

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

Seventy-four people attended the first community forum on racial justice, held virtually on Tues. Oct. 13 by the West Fairmount Hill Community Group (WFHCG) in partnership with the Ward 18 Democratic Committee, the HERE for Justice Coalition and the office of District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo.

The two-hour event, moderated by At-Large City Councilor Julia Mejia, provided residents and community leaders a forum to express themselves in a way that was honest, heartfelt and at times brutally candid about the way Black and brown people have been treated and perceived in Hyde Park, and how to bridge the divide that has existed since busing in the 1970s erupted in violence at the former Hyde Park High School. Although many acknowledged that progress has been made since the neighborhood has become increasingly

diverse, many of the speakers agreed that further work needs to be done by all stakeholders at the event.

“This conversation is one where I hope that we will get to unpack all the trauma that we are carrying when it comes to issues of race,” Mejia said.

Marcia Kimm Jackson, the WFHCG co-chair who organized the meeting, said the forum was aptly subtitled “Hyde Park Moves Ahead” because the purpose was to envision Hyde Park, a community on the verge of renewal.

“You are the key to transformation in Hyde Park,” she said. “What we are trying to do is help a changing community find cohesion and possibility.”

Kimm Jackson noted that this is a “foundational conversation” for several more events on this topic.

In addition to Arroyo, there were three other panelists who offered their perspectives. Tanisha Sullivan is the president of the Boston branch of the NAACP and a Hyde Park resi-

dent. Johnny Charles is the executive director of the UJIMA Fund. Segun Idowu, a Hyde Park resident and former candidate for state representative, is the executive director of the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA).

Arroyo, who was celebrating his birthday, described racial equity as having people of color “being owners, planners, and decision-makers having places and seats at the table in the system that governs their lives.” They should feel welcome and respected in the community in which they live and work, he said.

The councilor, who said he was the first to call out racism as a public health crisis, spoke about about his childhood experiences as a Hyde Park resident, where he and his family faced discrimination from an elderly white neighbor when he was about seven years old.

“I remember riding a bike,

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Rosie's hosts brunch and raffle

West Roxbury Friends of Rosie's Place invites you to our 1st Harvest Un-Brunch and Raffle. The drawing is on Sunday, November 12, 2020.

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years at a newspaper in Prague in the Czech Republic, Mazzone was accepted at Blessed John XXIII Seminary in Weston. During his pastoral formation, he served in several parishes, including Holy Trinity in Quincy, St. Catherine of Siena in Norwood and St. Angela in Mattapan. His deacon internship was at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Winthrop.

“It makes me a little more credible than I would have been otherwise, because I've shared many of the experiences that they've had,” he said. “I'm also very aware that there are also many experiences that I have not shared and will not share, like raising children. But I do realize how difficult that is in today's environment. I've walked the walk with people who have.”

Before serving as head of the collaborative in Stoughton,

Mazzone began his career as the parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Parish in Weymouth and then served as the pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Hull in 2011.

The COVID-19 crisis has had an impact on the BHC. For several months, parishioners could not attend services. Now, they must call by Thursday to make reservations to make sure that the 40 percent threshold for guests is not exceeded due to the pandemic's spacing requirements. The Masses can also be viewed online. For more information, the link is bluehillscollaborative.org.

“Many people want to come to Mass but are not ready because of safety concerns, and I completely support that,” Mazzone stressed. He said he wanted people to know that everyone is welcome at the par-

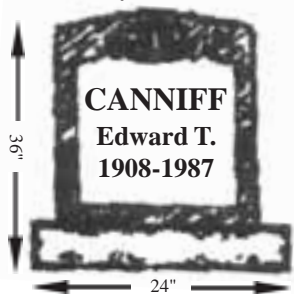
ishes “no matter where they are in their faith journey, even if they do not believe.”

Most recently, Mazzone came from Stoughton, which was in the top 10 communities hit hardest by COVID-19, so he understands the fear.

“For about two or three months solid, I was averaging three or four funerals a week,” he said. “A third of them were definitely traced to COVID, and the other ones might have been connected. And it wasn't just older people.

“The only way to get us through a crisis like this is to have hope,” he explained. “Jesus never said it was going to be easy. But He promised us that we would never walk alone. He said, ‘Unless you're willing to pick up your cross, you're not ready to follow me.’ I feel like the people here have totally internalized that.”

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Deaths

GALLANT

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GREELEY

John E. of Readville, passed away Friday, October 23, 2020 at the age of 83. Lifelong foreman for P. Caliacco Construction Company. Beloved husband of Lorraine (McCarthy)

Greeley. Devoted father of Michael Greeley, Kim Murphy and husband Michael, John Greeley and wife Susan, all of Readville, Patrick Greeley and Terri of Hyde Park. (Papa John) cherished grandfather of Conor, Kelsey, Nolan, Amanda, Johnny, Alyson, Elizabeth, Aiden, Brendan, Campbell. Brother of Thomas Greeley, Janet Repetto, Carol Belger and the late Anthony, Frederick, Robert, Anne and Marion. Son of the late Frederick Greeley and Jennifer (Rico) Greeley. Funeral from the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home, 22 Oak Street, HYDE PARK, MA. Funeral Services and interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Massachusetts General Hospital for Children c/o MGH Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA. John was a lifelong member of the Sunset Bocce Club with so many friends, in-laws, loving nieces

and nephews. We will have a celebration of John's life in the future when it is safe for everyone to be together.

MCDONALD

James of Hyde Park and Lakeville, passed peacefully on October 19 at the age of 58. Beloved husband of Joyce (Murphy) of 29 years. Devoted father of Patrick McDonald of Grafton and Josephine McDonald of Lakeville. Cherished brother of Larry McDonald and Cindy Bealieu of Randolph, Linda Szerszunowicz of Chelmsford, Joan Coffran and her husband, Frank, of Marshfield. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. Funeral from the Carroll-Thomas Funeral Home, 22 Oak St., HYDE PARK. Funeral services and interment private at family's request. James was a former Teamster Local #379. For directions and guestbook, please visit, thomasfuneralhomes.com

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and I was around his area, and he water hosed me down," Arroyo said. "That was my first actual experience with not being welcome in my neighborhood."

Mejia added that she had a similar experience when a neighbor "sicked his dog at me and knocked me off of a bike when I was 12 years old" because he didn't want her living on the block.

She called the forum a "great foundation for the other 22 neighborhoods to follow."

"There has certainly been an evolution in our neighborhood," Sullivan added. "As it's been duly noted, it's one of the most diverse communities in the city, diverse racially, ethnically, socioeconomically. I think there is an opportunity for us to help lead our city forward on the issue of racial equality and racial justice."

Charles said the best word to describe justice is "healing." The need for the healing arose from several policies including "the New Deal, Jim Crow, redlining and the pipeline to prison process." He also said there is the "triple effect" of Black people "not feeling like they matter, like they are valued, and like they are seen."

Idowu called the conversation "important and historic." He said a goal should be to rebuild communities that have been destroyed by systemic racism and spoke out on the city's record.

"Boston has not always worked to eliminate racism," he said, "but it has worked to appear to not be racist. So for

me it is acknowledging and being up-front about the history and understanding that it is necessary to address it to move forward."

One issue that was brought up was in neighborhood organizations. Arroyo mentioned that, in groups where people of color were primarily present, "racial justice was issue number one, two and three. But in neighborhood groups where almost everyone was white, they talked about development."

In order to brainstorm ways to move forward, the participants broke into smaller focus groups center-

ing on social justice issues; environmental justice; economic justice; and health equity issues. Common themes were encouraging diversity in groups, engaging younger residents and connecting neighborhood organizations to form cohesive goals.

For businesses, there needs to be more community input about the type of projects people want from the start to prevent discord at the development stage, several people said. Hyde Park was viewed currently as a drive-through community rather than a destination, particularly for people of color.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. SU20P1769GD**

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of: Richard Edge **RESPONDENT**
Of: Boston, MA **Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To The named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Richard Edge** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Public Guardian Services of Braintree, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of 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.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00A.M. on the return date of **11/05/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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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

September 24, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **DOCKET No. SU20P1600EA**

Estate of: Renee Louise Thorn **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:

Sondra Joy Thorn of Newton, MA and Frank Thorn of Newton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Sondra Joy Thorn of Newton, MA and Frank Thorn of Newton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an 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 Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **11/30/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit 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.

Date: October 19, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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will not be used to determine admission.

Members of the working group who helped develop this new system, listed below, as well as Mayor Marty Walsh, emphasized the danger of students taking an in-person exam this year. The exam that Boston Public Schools (BPS) plans to replace the ISEE with cannot be administered remotely for security reasons.

A working group had been previously organized to determine a better and more equitable manner of exam school admissions. The members of this group are: Michael Contompasis, BLS alumnus, former BLS Head of School, former BPS superintendent, and former state-appointed receiver of the low-income Paul A. Dever School in Dorchester, Rachel Skerritt, BLS alumna and current BLS Head of School, Dr. Tanya Freedom-Wisdom, O'Bryant alumna, O'Bryant Head of School, and parent of a BLA alumnus and BLS student, Acacia Aguirre, O'Bryant

school parent, Zena Lum, BLA parent, Matt Cregor, staff attorney at the Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee and former NAACP assistant counsel, Tanisha Sullivan, Boston NAACP President, Katherine Grassa, Curley K-8 Principal, and the Rev. Samuel Acevedo, co-chair of the Boston School Committee's Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Task Force, who is also a Conservative Baptist minister and on the board of the Conservative Congregational school Boston Trinity Academy.

The school committee voted 6-1 for the continuation of the working group finding ways to increase more Black and Latino representation at the exam schools and for more money for helping new exam school students adjust. The sole dissenter was Hardin Coleman, who said he thinks BPS needs to focus on improving all high schools, not only exam schools. School superintendent Brenda Cassellius promised to make improving non-exam high schools a priority in her budget recommendations for next year.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court – Probate and Family Court Department
SUFFOLK Division **Docket No. SU19C0343CA**
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**
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617-788-8300

In the Matter of: Hannah Jean Gilles
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by
Hannah Jean Gilles of Allston, MA
requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Jack Brennan Gilles

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Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Suffolk Probate and Family Court** before 10:00 am on the return day of **11/12/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: October 08, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *Boston Bulletin: 10/29/2020*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION **DOCKET No. SU20P1973EA**

Estate of: Raymond S Koff **Suffolk Probate and Family Court**
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:
Fiduciary Trust Company of Boston, MA and Elissa B Koff of Chestnut Hill, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
Fiduciary Trust Company of Boston, MA and Elissa B Koff of Chestnut Hill, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
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 **12/03/2020**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: October 22, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate *West Roxbury/Roslindale Bulletin: 10/29/2020*

At – Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George, speaking for many parents, said she thought the committee should postpone the vote to take more time to consider the algorithm being used by the working group. She also noted the grade discrepancies between different BPS elementary schools, as well as between BPS elementary schools and private schools. She is herself a Boston Tech (the former name of the O'Bryant) alumna and a parent of three BLS students and one BLA student, and she formerly taught at East Boston High School. At – Large City Councilor Julia Meija, District 7 City Councilor Kim Janey, District 5 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, and District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon all supported the proposal. Arroyo has previously said he supports an exam school admission system similar to that used for Texas state universities, where the top 10% of students are admitted.

At a meeting before the School Committee vote, District 2 City Councilor Ed Flynn, who represents South Boston, Chinatown, and the South End, spoke on behalf of his constituents. He noted that he represents the largest number of people who live in public housing of any district city councilor, and that many people in his district are undocumented and thus feel uncomfortable speaking publicly. He said that many of his constituents, especially in Chinatown, are worried about this plan, particularly because Chinatown's zip code also includes other, wealthier neighborhoods. He is also a BLS parent.

Many Chinese parents spoke against the proposal during the meeting, saying they felt it was unfair to their children. Quoc Tran, the one Asian-American school committee member, who is the parent of BLS and Joyce Kilmer School alumni, said that he understands their concerns, but that as a lawyer who has worked on civil rights issues, he voted to suspend the exam to help "remediate past practices".

Michael O'Neill, a school committee member and BLS alumnus from Charlestown, said that while he supports the change, he is concerned how it might harm poor students who happen to live in ZIP codes with high median family incomes. This could be a particular issue in Roslindale and Jamaica Plain, which have a wide income disparity, partially because they both contain housing projects.

As of present, the plan is only to be temporary for this coming year. The working group that came up with the plan will attempt to come up with a way to apply the lessons from this year to the following year.

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